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EDITORIAL

Our wish for all members of our Society, indeed, for all who read this magazine, is that the New Year may bring rich blessings to their homes and in their work.

We cannot start down the road of a new half century without briefly looking back at the scenes we have left behind. We have much for which to be thankful in the years which have gone. God has blessed our Church and our Society within that Church in such a manner that we cannot doubt that there is a part for us to play as members of The Presbyterian Church in Canada in the extension of the Heavenly Kingdom in this land and in the whole wide world. As we think of the spiritual strength, the love and loyalty of men and women who established The Presbyterian Church in Canada, we must needs look at ourselves in the light of their achievement. Have we the faith our fathers had to stand fast for our beliefs, depending on Jesus as our Guide? Can we devote our time and our material resources without stint that the Word of Salvation may be told and retold in this land and may be sent farther and farther into the corners of the earth still existing without its Light and Hope. These are the attributes which give the beauty and the glory to the scenes past which we have travelled. Stretched before us are the hills and the valleys of a new era—an era which will need more and more the enlightenment which only Christian teaching can give. As we celebrate the beginning of 1950, is there in our hearts, thanksgiving for the great gifts of the past and a prayer that we who have dedicated ourselves to carrying on in the future may never fail to do all that is ours to do.

It is fitting that the Women's Missionary Society should celebrate 1950 by dedicating their efforts to achieving a programme of advance in missions at home and overseas. We hope that *The Glad Tidings* may play a large part in bringing to pass the fulfilment of our hopes. With this thought in mind we have made some changes on the inside back cover of this issue. This is the beginning of an experiment by which we hope to outline the needs for our resources in such a way that they may be clearly and quickly understood.

The Mackay Memorial Hospital

BY REVEREND JAMES DICKSON

ON September 7th a class of five nurses graduated from the Nurses' Training Department, and received their diplomas. They are all continuing work in the hospital as graduate nurses. Recently Dr. and Mrs. Fotland of Kunming, China, have come to Formosa and Dr. Fotland is now on the staff of the hospital. His mission (in Norway) is still paying his salary, while the mission in Formosa is providing his house.

Dr. Jasper, who is in Formosa with E. C. A. as the supervisor of the distribution of Medical Supplies, has become very much interested in the work of the Mackay Memorial Hospital, and has been giving several afternoons a week working in the hospital. Dr. Dale, along with the two doctors mentioned above, is conducting a weekly teaching clinic for the instruction of the medical staff of the hospital.

The hospital received a large allotment of E. C. A. medical supplies in the early summer, and has agreed to use these supplies in accordance with E. C. A. regulations for free treatment.

Five Nurses Blaze A Way at M.M.H.

BY MISS HILDUR HERMANSON, REG.N.

THREE years ago when we re-opened the hospital, a few of our former nurses were able to come back to work for us. They were a great help in getting the place back into something like its former state and when supplies began to come in they knew how we wanted them used. However, there were not enough of these available to staff the whole hospital and our work increased so rapidly that it was necessary to call in pupil nurses and to try to set up some sort of teaching programme for them. We knew we could not have a Chinese Registered School of Nursing as we had not the equipment or staff for such a project, so the best was to teach some girls something in the way of caring for patients and helping the doctors. The Japanese trained nurse had learned nothing about nursing care, she was a cross between a maid and a technician in that she could pour tea nicely for the doctors, carry his stethoscope, take temperatures and give intravenous injections. Relatives did any nursing that was done. So that sort of nurse was not much use to us and I felt that we had to teach our own for our own use as a temporary measure until the Government Schools were established. Two Government training schools are now established but so far they have of course, no graduates, and when they do graduate, it will mean that they will be needed in the Government Hospitals, which are now trying to set up Nursing service. The first pupils who came in had to be taught whenever anyone had time, and at first to teach bed-baths and bed-making, I had to take them over to my bedroom to teach, as we had no sheets, basins or towels in the hospital. The first patients admitted had to bring their own things. Gradually the Relief agencies, among them Canadian Aid to China and Canadian Red Cross, were able to supply us with the necessary supplies and now the hospital is becoming fairly well-equipped, and as our staff increases we hope to do proper nursing care. So far our patients have increased faster than the staff and we are never caught up with the work.

The five graduating nurses, Miss Gauld (left) and Miss Hermanson.

However, yesterday was a Red Letter Day. The first five pupils graduated and we had a nice little ceremony when they were presented with their diplomas and pins. The girls looked so nice in their white uniforms and with black bands on their caps. We had only the staff and immediate relatives to the ceremony, but it was done nicely and tea served after and then Mr. Dickson took pictures of the group of graduates and then some of the whole group. I was asked to present the diplomas and Gretta Gauld to pin the pins on the graduates.

Christmas At Amkhut

BY MISS BEATRICE SCOTT, B.A.,

PRINCIPAL, HELEN MACDONALD MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Miss B. Scott, B.A.

THOMAS lived for the first few years of his life in the M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home at Amkhut. Now he lives in the Boys' Hostel and attends school. Let us suppose that he is telling us about the Christmas season there.

Thomas says: "One day toward the end of November some members of our class in school asked if we might have a Christmas concert. The teacher was quite willing, so after school we had a meeting of all those who wished to take part. Characters were chosen for dramas and the next day practice began. The concert was held the afternoon of the last day of school. We dramatized a translation from a section of Dickens' *Christmas Carol* and the story of the first Christmas. I took the part of King Herod and was dressed in long bright robes and wore a gold-coloured crown. Page boys stood behind my 'throne' fanning me. There were also action songs, a drill, pageant and other numbers bringing out the meaning of Christmas. There was great excitement as we were making final preparations and getting dressed for our parts. Our parents and friends came for the occasion and we wanted to do our best."

"After the concert all the children had a special 'khana' (meal) at the Girls' Hostel. This was held at that time so that those who were going to their homes for the holidays might be ready to leave early the next morning."

"For several days we had been practising Christmas carols. So Christmas morning we were up early and went from house to house singing. One of the men on the compound came with us to play the drums. At the bungalow we were given some candy and a football which we had been wanting for some time. Then we went to help to package gur and to prepare the goat and rice for the evening 'khana'."

"At 10.30 a.m. the first bell rang for the church service. Then people came from all directions through the fields on little footpaths.

Those who had new clothes had them on and everyone looked happy. Some of the women and children wore their coloured saris and chaddars; others had the typical red and black Bhil costume. They looked pretty all together. Usually, all but one member of the family come—one has to stay home to watch the cattle and the house as doors cannot be locked. A number of non-Christian folk came, too, so the church and its verandahs were filled. At the close of the service paper parcels of 'gur' (raw sugar) were given out. Then we proceeded to the open field on the compound where sports were to be held.''

''This was an interesting part of the day's programme. This year it began with a football match between the Amkhut young men and those from Bhabra. It was a close game. There were straight races for different age groups and also novelty races. The best fun was the bow and arrow contest. About fifteen men and fifteen boys in a separate class took part. Some of the people who are not Christians or who live on farms were better shots than those who do not get as much practice. We were given tickets with the number of our prize and at the close all went to a table where we were given annas as prizes. I got six annas (about 10 cents) as prizes for races.''

''By that time, evening was coming on and we were pleased when John Master came to say the 'khana' was ready. He and a few other men had been preparing the food. We went to the hostel to get our plates and then went on to the Girls' Hostel where the food was prepared. It is cooked in large kettles placed over a fire built in a ditch. In one is the rice and in another the goat meat. The latter is spiced with various kinds of peppers so that it is quite hot. The people sat in rows, women on one side and men on the other, on the ground of the courtyard. Plates or 'dekshis' (saucepans without handles) appeared from under chaddars or from parcels wrapped in cloth. Those who had not plates were given large leaves about a foot in diameter which served the purpose just as well. Most families had an extra plate or leaves to hold some food for those who were unable to come. The Padre gave thanks and then some of the men served the food. Two men carried rice in a small tub while a third served with his hands. Behind them came another group with a large tray of meat, and then a man with a pailful of gravy which he served with a dipper made from a gourd. Knives and forks were not necessary as we eat our food with our fingers. We school children ate our food and enjoyed it. But some folk ate just a little and then wrapped the plate in a cloth or covered it with leaves or the corner of a sari to take home. Then folk began to depart in little groups. The older children helped to carry the food on their heads, the mother had a baby on her hip and had the next youngest to help when he got tired. Those who had a distance to go wanted to get home before dark as there might be snakes or animals about in the jungle.''

At the end of the day, Thomas and all who were left returned to the hostel and built a fire. They sat around it for evening devotions when they thanked God for the happy day and for the great loving gift—His Son Jesus Christ Whose coming we remembered.

NEWS UP TO THE MOMENT

India: Reception of Miss McConnell at Jobat described in a letter from Miss Margaret Kennedy:

There were flags all over, an evergreen arch, welcome signs, and oh, the garlands! I'll have to send you a snap before you'd believe so many garlands could be put on one person. You see, the ''barri Miss Sahib'' was back, she who'd helped to bring so many of these young people and children into the world. We tooted the horn as we came over the brow of the hill and immediately we could see people running to the gate and to the bungalow. Our new shiny station wagon was soon thronged, but we kept on going very slowly up to the bungalow our progress being steadied by innumerable boys on the bumpers! I began to think that Mac (Miss McConnell) would never get inside the bungalow, as she seemed to stay mobbed though the groups changed, for over half an hour. We had a grand tea-fest and talk-fest on the front verandah and with difficulty the Alirajpur party managed to get themselves off before dinner time. Even then the festivities weren't over, as all six of us were invited to our driver's house for dinner. I tried hard to persuade Cyril that we were too many, but no, this was to be his big part in the welcome so down we went to his little house and squatted with the seven children at home, and enjoyed Yamuna bai's good chicken curry, rice and bhajiyas.

Miss McConnell left within two days to take up her work in Vellore.

Miss McConnell's impression of the welcome:

"Never in all the years that I have been in India have I had such a welcome. It was like the 'triumphal entry'. Every family turned out and had a garland, by the time I had them all I was just about weighed down. My heart almost failed as we drove up the hill to the bungalow, I felt, I can't go through with it, but I drew largely from the store of grace and I went through with it. It was very encouraging to see all the families, without exception come out to 'Welcome me Home' ".

Miss Isabel McConnell, Reg.N.

Portage la Prairie

Mrs. M. Pollock

Early in September a ceremony, conducted by Reverend H. L. Henderson, united in marriage Miss Joyce Wooding of St. Catharines and Reverend Murdo Pollock, Mission City, B.C. Mrs. Pollock until her marriage was the Women's Missionary Society deaconess in the Presbytery of Brandon and superintendent of the Nursery School in Portage la Prairie. The wedding which was solemnized in the Presbyterian Church, Portage la Prairie, was witnessed by friends and relatives from Vancouver, St. Catharines and from the Presbytery of Brandon. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore white satin and carried a bouquet of white gladioli. The bridesmaid was Miss Shirley Thomas, the groom was attended by his brother Mr. Robert Pollock, Vancouver. Following the reception in the church, Mr. and Mrs. Pollock journeyed to Mission City, B.C. where Mr. Pollock is minister.

Presbyterian Training School, Medicine Hat

SEVERAL months ago the Women's Missionary Society of The Presbyterian Church in Canada purchased a building in Medicine Hat, Alberta, which will be used as the first official Training School for the teaching of Church workers. The Women's Missionary Society, together with the Synod of Alberta, have made extensive alterations to this building in order that it may be used as a School. This is a very important step in the training of Church members for service in our congregations in Western Canada.

The General Assembly, at its meeting last June, approved of the opening of this new School and gave responsibility for its teaching and operation to the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies. The Board of Management of the School is a Committee of the Synod of Alberta including two representatives of the Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. George Metcalfe and Mrs. G. G. Elder. S/L Rev. James Dunn has recently been appointed the Chairman of this Board.

For a long time our Presbyterian Church has been aware that steps must be taken to provide opportunities for study and training in order that our congregations may have adequate and trained teachers and leaders. We realize that now as always the Church's greatest need is for Christian knowledge and a faith which is built upon God's

Presbyterian Training School, Medicine Hat revelation of Himself in Jesus Christ. We believe that this need can be met through the use of new opportunities for study and training such as will be provided through this new School. Courses of study will be given in the Bible, Christian doctrine and Presbyterian beliefs, the history and faith of the Church, Christian worship, Christian missions, and Christian Teaching in the Sunday School, Groups for children, girls and boys in Young People's Societies. The courses are designed to meet the need of all Church workers and will also be of great value to all Church members. It is to be a residential School where the students will live in a fine Christian fellowship. An authorized and suitable diploma will be issued to successful graduates upon completion of one or more of the courses of study. It is expected that the School will open on January 1st and will provide a course of study for four months. It is hoped that a summer course may also be given and that beginning in the autumn of 1950 the course of study will cover a period of six months.

Rev. J. E. Bigelow, B.A., B.D., S.T.M., has been appointed the Superintendent of the School. Mr. Bigelow brings many fine qualities of scholarship, leadership and Christian character to this important position. Mrs. Bigelow will be the Matron of the School. They will live within the School Residence giving counsel and guidance to the students and creating a fine spirit of Christian fellowship. The teaching of the courses of study will be given by Rev. J. E. Bigelow, Rev. R. L. Taylor of Medicine Hat and other ministers and leaders within the Synod of Alberta. The people of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will welcome this new opportunity for Christian teaching and we hope that you will support it with your prayers and interest.

—*J. S. Clarke,*
General Secretary, Board of S.S. and Y.P.S.

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The Moderator Visited Mistawasis

WOMEN'S Missionary Society members everywhere will be interested in the recent visit of the Reverend C. L. Cowan, B.D., D.D., Moderator of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, to the Mistawasis Indian Reserve on October 23. He was accompanied by the Reverend A. F. McSween of Melfort, Mrs. McSween, Corresponding Secretary of Prince Albert Presbyterial and Mrs. C. C. Downing, President of the Presbyterial. Mistawasis Reserve is situated approximately fifty miles north of the city of Prince Albert; so a journey of about one hundred and fifty miles by bus and car, beginning at Tisdale, was undertaken. The little church on the Reserve is small but very lovely. Stained glass windows add dignity and beauty to the building. The pulpit cloth is of dark velvet, lavishly and intricately decorated with beaded designs, all the work of the women members of the congregation. Everywhere is evidence of the work which has been accomplished by the Reverend W. W. Moore, the resident pastor, and until this year, the school teacher as well.

Young and old patiently awaited the arrival of the Moderator on the evening of the 23rd. He was late, but there were no complaints. They knew of his heavy duties and were correspondingly grateful for his visit. When he did arrive he won all hearts by his real interest in each and every one and it was a proud gathering that heard his message. Assisting in the service were Mr. McSween and the Indian Elder, James Bird, who read the Old Testament in the Cree language, an Indian woman who is a very fine organist, and another who sang a solo in Cree, unaccompanied and with great feeling. All took their parts reverently, efficiently and confidently.

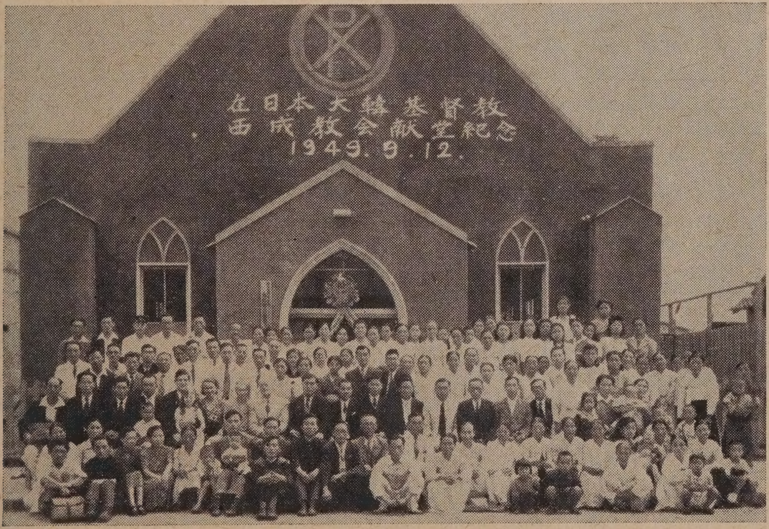
Dr. Cowan's talk was on "What is right with our Presbyterian Church?" In simple terms he told the people that we are right because we have the right leader, Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We are right because we are restless, not content to keep the Gospel to ourselves and so obey the command to go into all the world. We are right too, because we have the right message—the message of Love.

The Christian Indians on Mistawasis are grateful to the minister, Reverend W. W. Moore, who works untiringly among them; they are grateful for their part in the fellowship of The Presbyterian Church and they are grateful for the help of the Women's Missionary Society. The members of the Society should be very glad that they are able to assist in a small way in this part of the work of winning the "World for Christ".

—*Mrs. Jay Watson,*
Press Secretary, Saskatchewan Synodical Society.

Japan Comes to Council Executive

IT was not Japan really which came to a recent meeting of Council Executive, it was Korea, the Koreans in Japan represented by a delightful personality Mr. Wenchi Kim, pastor of that congregation in Osaka which built their church from their own resources and at whose beam swinging service, Miss Pelton and Mr. Munro were present. Mr. Kim is in Toronto now, studying to continue his work in Japan. His attendance at the Council Executive meeting was for the purpose of presenting a picture to the Board as an expression of the gratitude of his people for the support given to him and to his people by our Church and our Society ($1,000 was given to the Osaka congregation—see Treasurer's Statement in July-August *Glad Tidings*). Mr. Kim in presenting the picture expressed his great desire that the Korean people should be able to continue in their witness to Christ. He spoke of the church building whose "Ceremony of the Big Beam" was held when Miss Pelton and Mr. Munro were in Japan. He had been discouraged, he said, lest the plans they had made could not be fulfilled because of lack of money to complete the church. The two members of the delegation had helped to dispel his fears and had shown him an answer to his prayers by assuring him and the people of his congrega-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At the dedication of the New Presbyterian Church, Osaka, Japan.
Mr. and Mrs. Rumball and Dr. and Mrs. Young are in second row on the left.

tion, that the money would be forthcoming. The picture of the completed church is on this page. Compare it with the one showing the ''beam'' ceremony in the Calendar, 1950 and in *The Record,* January, 1949 and you will understand afresh that the work among the Korean people is very much alive. It was a pleasure to meet Mr. Kim and we hope we may have the opportunity of hearing more from him and about his work.

Changes for the Annual Report

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British Columbia

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Alberta

Calgary Presbyterial—Mission Band, Chalmers Church, Calgary. Leader, Miss M. Boyd, 1026A - 18th Ave. N. W.

Manitoba

Brandon Presbyterial—Senior Auxiliary, Killarney. Pres., Mrs. S. Hislop; Treas., Miss Alma Floyd; Sec., Mrs. G. D. Cassell.

Superior Presbyterial—C.G.I.T., First Church, Fort William. Leader, Miss Joyce Poile, 273 Brock Street.

Hamilton and London

Huron Presbyterial—C.G.I.T., Knox Church, Goderich. Leader, Mrs. Ivan Cook, Huron Rd.

Toronto and Kingston

Peterborough Presbyterial—Explorer Group, St. Paul's Church, Peterborough. Leader, Miss Jean Blewett, 1121 McDonell St.

Toronto Presbyterial—Mission Band, St. John's Church, Toronto. (reorganized). Leader, Mrs. S. Maxwell, 10 Stanton Ave., Toronto 8.

Explorer Group—Leaside Church, Toronto. Leader, Mrs. F. Lay, 105 Donlea Drive, Toronto 17.

Montreal and Ottawa

Montreal Presbyterial — Evening Auxiliary, Beckwith Memorial Italian Church, Montreal. Pres., Mrs. Edith Romanelli; Treas., Mrs. Ninetta Ricci; Sec., Miss Nellie Sauro.

Estimates For 1950

IT is with much pleasure that I present to our members the Estimates for 1950. These were unanimously accepted by Council in Calgary on September 30th and so became our objective for the coming year.

A condensed form of the Estimates is printed in this issue of the *Glad Tidings* but every delegate to Council was handed a detailed copy in order that they might be fully aware of how the funds of the Society were to be spent before being asked to assume their responsibility of approving or rejecting them.

It was a unique occasion in the history of our Society when the amount of $180,000.00 as submitted was increased to $200,000.00 because, I believe, we had all caught the vision of the great need. $10,000.00 of this increase will be used for our Advance overseas and the balance for the promotion of our National and Organization work. Several delegates expressed the opinion that for the qualifications we require of our workers, in many instances the salaries were not adequate, and it was hoped these could be adjusted.

In our National Missions you will notice the names of three workers not previously shown in this department:—Miss Winnifred Ripley, who has been appointed to the Nursery School in Portage la Prairie; Miss Agnes Hislop, who applied for overseas service but in the meantime is assisting Miss Ruby Walker in Regional Work in Manitoba and Saskatchewan; and Miss Gertrude Rollo, Reg.N., who until her recent illness was stationed on the Bhil Field in India, and who, we hope, will shortly be able to serve the Society in Canada.

In the Indian Schools there is an estimate to cover the travel expenses of the School Chaplain. We are very happy about this because it means that Rev. J. Marnoch is now taking Sunday services in our Birtle School.

Salaries of workers have been raised but as I mentioned before, other adjustments may be necessary. We must pay a reasonable salary if we expect to retain our present workers and increase our staff because it is only as we increase that the work may advance. We appeal to our members for help in directing young women into the service of our Church and our Society.

I hope you are pleased to see an estimate for the Medicine Hat Training School. As you know, your Society purchased the property in March 1949, and have accepted the responsibility for the alterations and repairs necessary to put the building in condition to be used as a

Training Home for young men and women. The School will be under the supervision of the Board of S.S. and Y.P.S. of our Church and our future contributions will be through payment of taxes, insurance and repairs to the property.

Our National Missions are prepared to Advance, and in view of the increased estimate, are making plans to this end. I would direct your attention to their Advance Programme.

In our Overseas Missions there has been some rearrangement of personnel in India, which was recommended by our Overseas Executive Secretary after her recent visit, and these changes were reported in a previous issue of the *Glad Tidings.*

A new name is added, that of Miss Margaret Leask, who is commencing her first term. Miss Isabel McConnell returns to serve the Indian people through her work as a member of the staff of the Vellore Medical College. As a Society we should be very proud to have a part in the contribution this College is making in the life of that country. Two missionaries from the Jhansi Field are now home on furlough—Miss Lily Simpson and Mrs. C. P. Young.

We regret that it was necessary to request the return to Canada of Mrs. Mildred Gehman who was doing such a tremendous job in Kienshui, Yunnan, China. She is now taking a special course in Toronto in anticipation of further overseas service. Our support to the work in China continues through our Chinese nurse and our grant to the Church of Christ in China.

Our staff in Taiwan remains as previously. Should it become necessary, arrangements have been made for their evacuation.

Only two missionaries are now on our staff in British Guiana as Miss Davidson who went there for only a part term, returned to Canada in 1949 but our two native deaconesses are still with us.

In regard to the estimate for "General Conduct of Work", as listed under our various fields, the amount for this comes to your Overseas Executive Secretary from the Councils on the field. These are considered by the Overseas Committee and then submitted to the Finance Committee.

A word about overseas salaries. For 1950 we are discontinuing the vacation allowance and the living allowance and increasing the salaries to take care of these. This was a recommendation made as a result of our Overseas Executive Secretary's visit. Overseas missionaries now reach their maximum salary at the end of 5 years instead of 15 years as previously, and the maximum has been raised from

$1,200.00 to $1,500.00 and the minimum from $800.00 to $1,300.00. Living accommodation with heavy furniture is still supplied and the initial outfit allowance for a new missionary has been increased from $200.00 to $300.00.

Miss Pelton's report on the needs in the Overseas Fields, which we have all been anxiously awaiting, was presented to Council and her three year Programme is printed in the Estimates. A great opportunity is ours and a challenge that we dare not ignore if we are true members of the Women's Missionary Society.

In our Organization Department we are most disturbed that to date we are still without a Youth Secretary and a Girls' Work Secretary. We pray that this soon may be remedied and here again we need your help. This department also has plans to promote its work and so $1,000.00 has been allocated to it for this purpose.

Those of you who have seen the pictures taken by the Overseas Delegation must feel that an estimate for films and slides is well worth while. The amount of $850.00 shown under Visual Education is our grant to this department of our Church.

We are most happy to show an increase in our Christian Literature Department of $750.00 over last year, and, of course, Legacies may be directed to this most important work. Literature can often go where missionaries cannot.

Our Grants are up because of ''Orphaned Missions'', increases to the Canadian School of Missions and the Foreign Missions Conference.

There is an increase in our Publication Department, but this is unavoidable—free literature and annual reports are more costly and salaries have been raised.

The cost of administering the work of the Society is greater. Salaries have had to be in increased: general expenses (postage, stationery, etc.) are higher: deputation work is more expensive as more visitations are being requested: Exchange and Life Membership costs are also up slightly.

In closing, I would like to remind our members that the delegates with whom you entrusted the decisions which were to be made at Council, approved the 1950 Estimates and so it is now your responsibility to back them up by your efforts to meet this objective of $200,000.00. We can do it.

''FREELY YE HAVE RECEIVED — FREELY GIVE''

—Ruth E. Pye, Chairman, Finance Committee.

» W.M.S. ESTIMATES *for* 1950 «

NATIONAL MISSIONS

CHINESE IN CANADA

Montreal: Miss Muriel Judd and Mrs. G. P. Louie.
Toronto: Misses Fay McTavish and Susan Kong.
Vancouver: Misses Ruth Yeandle, Susan Yeung and Annie Wilson.
Victoria: Misses Gertrude Scott and Grace Lee.

Salaries, Expenses and Rent	$13,245.00

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

*Birtle: Mr. and Mrs. Rusaw.
*Cecilia Jeffrey: Mr. and Mrs. Ross.

Salaries	$ 4,150.00
Travelling Expenses of School Chaplain	100.00
Taxes on Farm	140.00
	$ 4,390.00

(Balance of salaries is paid from grants from Department of Indian Affairs.)

(*All living provided.)

DEACONESS DEPARTMENT

(Including Hospital Worker and Port Worker)

Salaries and Expenses: Misses Margaret Allan, Marjorie McKay, Margaret Boyd, Isabel Scott, Agnes Hislop, Hilda Blackwell and Mrs. S. Gillespie	$11,330.00
Salaries of two part time Deaconesses: Mrs. Steinmetz and Mrs. Fesenko	1,200.00
Salaries and Expenses of Student Deaconesses	1,000.00
	$13,530.00

CHILDREN'S WORK

Portage la Prairie: Miss Winnifred Ripley.
Vancouver: Misses Catherine Watson and Helen Ross.
Tyndale House, Montreal: Miss Margaret McKenzie.

Salaries and Expenses	$ 5,450.00
Maintenance	500.00
	$ 5,950.00

ST. MARGARET'S GIRLS' CENTRE

Mrs. J. McPhee, Superintendent.

Salaries, Maintenance and repairs	$ 4,500.00

MEDICINE HAT TRAINING SCHOOL

Taxes, Insurance and repairs to property	**$ 1,400.00**

INSURANCE AND TAXES

Taxes and Insurance: Children's Centre, Vancouver.		
Camps and Car		$ 500.00
New Missionary: Salary and Expenses		1,450.00
National Work Contingency		750.00
Miss Gertrude Rollo, Reg.N., under appointment to National Work.		
1950 ADVANCE PROGRAMME FOR NATIONAL WORK	$7,000.00	
Less amount allocated for salary adjustments and Medicine Hat Property	1,700.00	
		$ 5,300.00
TOTAL FOR NATIONAL MISSIONS		$51,015.00

NATIONAL MISSIONS ADVANCE

(As suggested by National Executive Secretary)

Requirements:

1. One Hospital Visitor to be appointed immediately to one of our largest cities.
2. One Missionary immediately to work among Displaced Persons.
3. Workers in new housing areas of large urban centres.
4. Qualified staff members for Indian Schools to fill vacancies.
5. New work to be opened in Northern parts of our Provinces, requiring properly equipped motor cars and at least 4 workers.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

INDIA

Jhansi Field—

Salaries: Misses Edith Magee, B.A.; Beatrice Scott, B.A.; Hazel Reaveley; Margaret Leask, B.A., M.R.E.	$ 5,600.00
General Conduct of Work	
Evangelistic	2,000.00
Educational	7,250.00
Medical	800.00
Orphans and Widows	1,100.00
Maintenance	1,600.00
Language Study	400.00
Total Jhansi	$18,750.00

Bhil Field—

Salaries: Misses Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N.; Marion Williamson; Ellen Douglas; Mary Sherrick, B.A., B.Ed.; Irene Stringer; Margaret Kennedy	$ 9,000.00
General Conduct of Work	
Evangelistic (including driver and upkeep of car)	3,000.00
Educational	5,650.00
M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Home	1,800.00
Maintenance (upkeep of bungalow, nurses' home, second car, missionaries' travel expenses, training of nurses at Ratlam)	1,500.00
Total Bhil	$20,950.00

Vellore—

Salary and Expenses: Miss Isabel McConnell, Reg.N.		$ 1,680.00
Grants (formerly under Grants shown later in Estimate).		
National Christian Council	$ 75.00	
All-India Christian Medical College, Vellore	500.00	
Landour Hospital	100.00	
		$ 675.00
Total India		$42,055.00

CHINA

Chinese Nurse	$1,200.00	
Grant to Church of Christ in China	3,700.00	
		$ 4,900.00

TAIWAN (Formosa)

Salaries: Misses Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N.; Dorothy Douglas and Isabel Taylor, A.T.C.M.	$ 4,500.00
General Conduct of Work	
Tamsui Girls' School	3,000.00
Travel on Field	200.00
Maintenance	800.00
Total Taiwan	$ 8,500.00

BRITISH GUIANA

Salaries: Misses Anderson and Ramsay	$ 3,000.00
Salaries of Native Workers: Mrs. Singh and Miss Budhoo	960.00
General Conduct of Work	
Evangelistic	600.00
Car allowance and driver	900.00
House Rent for Missionaries	930.00
Incidental Expenses	160.00
Total British Guiana	$ 6,550.00

Missionaries on Furlough—

Salaries: Miss Lily Simpson, Mrs. Mildred Gehman and Mrs. C. P. Young	$ 4,000.00

Note: Living accommodation with heavy furniture supplied to all Missionaries.

OVERSEAS SUMMARY

India	$42,055.00
China	4,900.00
Taiwan	8,500.00
British Guiana	6,550.00
General Contingency	1,650.00
Expansion and New Missionaries	5,200.00
Missionaries on Furlough	4,000.00
1950 portion of THREE YEAR ADVANCE PROGRAMME	10,000.00
	$82,855.00

THREE YEAR ADVANCE—as submitted to Council by Overseas Executive Secretary.

Period of Advance—January 1st, 1950 to January 1st, 1953.

Advance in four fields:

1. That seven new missionaries be sent to our fields overseas; two to Japan for work among the Koreans, two to Taiwan, and three to India.
2. The education and training of nationals. (Miss Katherine Sun from Kunming, China, first national to be brought for advanced education as part of the overseas advance, is now studying at Toronto University and the Missionary and Deaconess Training School.)
3. (Submitted with the knowledge of the Chairman of the Board of Missions, but requiring the confirmation of the Board of Missions in March.)

   That we equip and operate a field unit for the entire Bhil field, which would touch 300,000 Bhils whereas the hospital only reaches 25,000. Would require:

   1 car for the doctor
   3 motor vehicles equipped as clinics on wheels
   Projectors, screens, sound equipment
   Compounders
   Drivers

   This would form part of a team job, ministers and pastors to go with them to preach and teach.
4. Last advance—in our co-operative work. One place where we have already co-operated is Vellore, one of the greatest single agencies in the whole strategy of the Christian Church in India in the future. Proposed—that we place another missionary in Vellore within the next three years; that we give $2,000.00 a year instead of $500.00 to Vellore.

It was suggested that from January 1st, 1950 to January 1st, 1953, our Society think of an increased revenue for our Overseas work in terms of $30,000.00.

ORGANIZATION

Salaries and expenses of Regional Secretaries: Misses Ruby Walker, Grace Mackay and Athalie Read; and Children's Work Secretary, Miss Lily Macarthur	$ 8,900.00
Estimate for New Regional Secretary, Youth Secretary and part salary of Girls' Work Secretary	4,300.00
Railway fares and Expenses of Secretaries and Missionaries	1,300.00
Camp Work and Conferences	600.00
Grants to Synodicals	700.00
1950 ADVANCE PROGRAMME for ORGANIZATION WORK	1,000.00
	$16,800.00

VISUAL EDUCATION

Department Expenditures	$850.00	
W.M.S. films and slides	200.00	
		$ 1,050.00

STUDENT

Department Expenditures	$ 300.00

CANDIDATES

Department Expenditures	$ 100.00

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children in Mission Fields, Incorp.	$ 300.00
Ukrainian Literature, Publishing ''Evangelical Truth''	1,000.00
Christian Literature for British Guiana	250.00
Christian Literature for India, ''Christian Home''	400.00
Christian Literature for India, through the National Christian Council (Dr. Manikam)	200.00
The British and Foreign Bible Society	300.00
Christian Literature for Africa, through the International Committee on Christian Literature in Africa	400.00
Christian Literature for Women and Children in China	700.00
Christian Literature for Latin America	300.00
Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature used for Literature for Korea and Japan	400.00
Christian Literature for Formosa	300.00
French Literature in Canada, through Rev. J. A. Smith	400.00
''L'Aurore''	300.00
Italian Literature for Montreal	200.00
Unallocated	200.00
	$ 5,650.00

GRANTS

Foreign Missions Conference	$ 496.00
United Nations Society	10.00
Missionary Education Movement	50.00
Canadian School of Missions	500.00
Lecturers, Missionary and Deaconess Training School	300.00
Women's International Union, Presbyterian Alliance	25.00
Orphaned Missions	1,000.00
Canadian Overseas Mission Council	75.00
	$ 2,456.00

PUBLICATIONS

Literature and Glad Tidings

Salaries: Editor, Secretary-Treasurer of Literature Department and Stenographers	$ 7,400.00
Office Rent (part)	1,740.00
Mission Band, Junior Leader	260.00
Mimeographing	60.00
Missionary Letters through Missionary Committee	60.00
Free Leaflets	225.00
Free Literature	500.00
Annual Report	2,000.00
Tabulated Forms	215.00
	$12,460.00

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries: Executive Secretaries, Accountant, Stenographers	$11,750.00
Office Rent (part)	3,432.00
Auditing	300.00
General Expenses	2,482.00
Council Meeting	5,000.00
Deputation	1,000.00
Life Membership	200.00
Exchange	200.00
	$24,364.00

GENERAL ADVANCE PROGRAMME	$ 2,950.00

PEACE THANKSGIVING FUND 1950

Special Students at Jhansi	$ 500.00
Bursaries for Girls in Helen Macdonald School, Jhansi	150.00
Scholarship for boy in Amkhut School	45.00
Education of Student, Bhil Field	24.00
Assistance in Mothercraft Training for Missionary's Wife	100.00
New Canadian Boy	30.00
Deaconesses, Special Courses that may be necessary	300.00
Girls at Ludhiana, India	250.00
Education of Hungarian Student, Chinese National and Missionary Candidate	650.00
	$2,049.00

SUMMARY

National Missions	$51,015.00
Overseas Missions	82,855.00
Organization	16,800.00
Visual Education	1,050.00
Student	300.00
Candidates	100.00
Christian Literature	5,650.00
Grants	2,456.00
Publications	12,460.00
Administration	24,364.00
General Advance Programme	2,950.00
	$200,000.00

Ruth E. Pye

Convener of Finance Committee.

Peace Thanksgiving Fund

AT the Council Meeting held recently in Calgary a request for an explanation of the Peace Thanksgiving Fund arose out of a recommendation which came in through the Synodical of Montreal and Ottawa.

There appears to be confusion and misunderstanding in the minds of many on two points:

1. The meaning of "advanced" or "specialized" training for young men.
2. The question as to whether the principal or the interest only is to be spent.

Looking back to the time when this fund was launched in 1944, we find in correspondence sent out by Mrs. Strachan, then the Treasurer of the Society, the purpose of the fund to be:

> "To assist in training those who wish to enter the service of the Church and who for financial reasons may not be able to take the specialized training required of them." And further:
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> "As this will be a trust fund, the money raised will not be sent through the regular channels, Presbyterial and Provincial, but *come direct to Mrs. Strachan.*"

In 1946 the following resolutions were submitted and accepted by Council:

1. "That the interest only be used each year."
2. "The training of furloughed missionaries and candidates for the work of the Women's Missionary Society, these to be considered on recommendations from the Committees concerned."
3. "The training of native workers, the names of those who would be eligible to be considered on recommendation from the Council on the field."
4. "Advanced training for young men going into the work of the Church, these names to be recommended by the Presbyteries."

As misunderstanding had a risen regarding specialized training for young men, at the Council Meeting in Calgary a statement clarifying the terms advanced or specialized training was presented and accepted. It reads:

> "Special Advanced training is for young men already qualified to serve as ministers or missionaries of our Church but requiring further preparation for some branch of missionary work at home or abroad, these names to be recommended by Presbyteries."

Our records show, therefore, that this Fund is a Trust Fund and only interest can be used. —*Mrs. G. R. Pye,* Treasurer.

World Day of Prayer Service

Friday, February 24, 1950

The major portions of this service were prepared by Miss Michi Kawai, founder of Keisen Girls School, Japan.

Theme
Faith for Our Time

A CALL TO PRAYER

At prayer to-day the World Christian Community is one and indivisible. It knows neither caste nor privilege, neither riches nor poverty, neither creed nor colour. Some will pray who cannot read; some will pray who are not fed; some will pray shivering in thin rags, and some will pray from seats of comfort. *All* will pray for a better world for their children; for relief from life-destroying wars; for inner faith that will not falter; and for the coming of the Kingdom of God.

The unbroken chain of prayer begins as the sun rises among the Fijian Christians, then passes from island to island, from continent to continent, until at the close of day the prayers of fur-clad Eskimos are borne to the ever-open ears of the Eternal. ''The voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away.''

O Lord, may we who call ourselves Christians be held to this high moment of prayer this whole year through.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come! All Nations, Come!
Let us worship the Holy One, Our God.
Come! O People, Come!
Let us adore the Creator, our loving Father.

People: O God, Father, we would worship Thee and adore Thee with all our heart, with all our soul and with all our mind. Amen.

ADORATION

Lifting Our Eyes to God

Hymn: (Tune: Miles Lane) Book of Praise No. 254

Responsive Reading: (standing)

Leader: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His holy hill;
For the Lord our God is Holy.—Ps. 99: 9.

Response: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and song; He also is become my salvation.

Leader: Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

Response: Praise the Lord, call upon His Name; declare His doings among the people, make mention that His name is exalted.

Leader: Sing unto the Lord; for He hath done excellent things; this is known in all the earth.

Response: Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion; for great is the Holy One of Israel, in the midst of Thee.—Isaiah 12: 2-6.

Leader: I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

Response: My meditation of Him shall be sweet; I will be glad in the Lord. . . . Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Praise ye the Lord.—Ps. 104: 33, 34.

Prayer of General Thanksgiving: (kneeling or seated)

Leader: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men:
(Pause for silent repetition.)

Leader: We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and for the hope of glory.
(Pause for silent repetition.)

Leader: And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful and that we show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen. (*The Book of Common Prayer.*)
(Pause for silent repetition.)

EXAMINATION

Looking at Ourselves

Meditation: (read by Leader)

The year of our Lord 1950! The fiftieth year for the ancient Hebrews was the Jubilee year—a year of rejoicing and festivities—when alienated lands were restored and bondsmen were set free. Can we strive to make this year of our Lord 1950 a year of jubilee for the world?

Yes, if this day our hearts are turned *as one* toward the source of all peace. Do we find ourselves worthy as followers of our Lord? Do we so live as Christian women before others that we may claim the promise in Isaiah, ''Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in Thee.''? Is our mind ''stayed'' on God, or on the peace we wish to get from Him? We would, of course, choose *peace,* but would we choose the *way* of peace.

Let us listen once again to the leader, Joshua, in his urgent demand for a clear-cut decision. ''I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day that I have set before thee life and death, the blessing and the curse; therefore choose life.'' Our Lord Christ said, ''I am the way, the truth, the life.'' Who does not want life and blessing rather than death and curses? And yet we deliberately choose death and curses. The paradox of modern life is due to man's wilful choice of the wide, rather than the narrow, way, getting instead of giving, hate instead of love, Mammon instead of God, self instead of Christ. ''By their fruits ye shall know them.''

Prayer:

Leader: The Lord is here. Let us, in the stillness of our hearts, pray that we may have the consciousness of His presence, and in the stillness may listen to His voice.
(Silent prayer.)

Leader: The Lord is here. Let us, in the stillness of our hearts, pray that God will search us and reveal to us the things that hinder our peace.
(Silent prayer.)

Leader: The Lord is here. Let us, in the stillness of our hearts, pray that we may be willing to pay the price of peace.
(Silent prayer.)

Responsive Reading:

Leader: See, I have set before thee this day, life and good, and death and evil.

Response: In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways. . . .

Leader: I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life. . . .

Response: That thou mayest love the Lord thy God and that thou mayest obey His voice; for He is thy life and the length of thy days. . . . —Deut. 30: 15, 16, 19, 20.

Leader: Jesus saith unto him, ''I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh to the Father but by Me.''—John 14: 6.

Hymn: (Tune: Olivet) Book of Praise No. 419

CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

Searching Our Hearts

Prayer in Unison: (standing)

God of Justice and Mercy, we come before Thee with a deep sense of our sins. We, Christian women of the world, are often too weak to face corporate ills against Thy way, and fall too easily into apathy. We are often proud and forgetful of the souls of others. If Thou didst judge us by our sins, we could not stand before Thee. But we know that Thou art merciful and gracious, Thou dost not deal with us according to our sins. Like as a Father pitieth His children, Thou pitiest us, and dost give to us who love Thee the precious gift of salvation. Recreate us, unworthy as we are. Endow us with power to witness by our faith and to follow Thee. Amen.

Meditation: (seated)

Leader: In this hour of the world's hunger for peace, we Christians come together before our Heavenly Father in united prayer that He may fill us with His Holy Spirit, and empower us to witness fearlessly against evil, making our lives a testimony. Our channel of power is prayer. Only so can we act as God would have us act. He sent His Son into the world, not to judge the world, but to save the world. As children of the same Father, our work is not to judge the world, but rather to bring the world to Christ.

No one of us alone can bring in the Kingdom of God; but it must begin with each of us. What *is* the Kingdom of God, but the "steadfast rule of God in the hearts of men and women?" As, one by one, we yield ourselves to that rule, the Kingdom comes; then united in our common faith and our allegiance to Him, we work together for its growth in all areas of life, and in all parts of the world.

When we so work in unity, we witness that "all are one" in Jesus Christ. To-day in this World Day of Prayer, we are experiencing that oneness in the fellowship of prayer.

Prayer:

Leader: The Lord is here. Let us in the stillness of our own hearts pray that we may be filled with His Holy Spirit, and empowered to witness fearlessly against evil.

(Silent prayer.)

The Lord is here. Let us, in the stillness of our own hearts, resolve that we shall set aside a time for prayer each day.

(Silent prayer.)

The Lord is here. Let us, in the stillness of our own hearts, pray to be conscious of what it means when we say: "Thy Kingdom come."

(Silent prayer.)

Responsive Reading:

Leader: Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

Response: Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Leader: For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. . . .

Response: Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness.

Leader: And your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace.

Response: Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Leader: And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit which is the word of God.

Response: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

—Eph. 6: 10-15.

Hymn: (Tune: Pentecost) Book of Praise No. 544

COMMITMENT

Dedicating Ourselves to God

Responsive Reading: (seated)

Leader: Now as He walked by the sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers.

Response: And Jesus said unto them, "Come ye after Me and I will make you to become fishers of men."

Leader: And straightway they forsook their nets and followed Him.

Response: And when He had gone a little farther thence, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets.

Leader: And straightway He called them; and they left their father, Zebedee, in the ship with the hired servants and went after Him.—Mark 1: 16-20.

Response: He that loveth father or mother more than Me, is not worthy of Me; and he that loveth son and daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

Leader: And he that taketh not his cross and followeth after Me, is not worthy of Me.

Response: He that findeth his life shall lose it, and he that loseth his life for My sake, shall find it.—Matt. 10: 37-39.

Meditation: (read by Leader)

I cannot invent
New things,
Like the airships
Which sail
On silver wings
But to-day
A wonderful thought
In the dawn was given. . . .
And the thought
Was this:
That a secret plan
Is hid in my hand,
That my hand is big,
Big,
Because of this plan
That God
Who dwells in my hand
Knows this secret plan
Of the things He will do for the world
Using my hand!

(From Dr. Kagawa's *Songs from the Slums,* Abingdon Cokesbury.)

Leader: I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.—Rom. 12: 1, 2.

Prayer:

Leader: The Lord is here. Let us, in the stillness of our own hearts, surrender to Him ourselves, our substance and our service.

(Silent prayer.)

The Lord is here. Let us, in the stillness of our own hearts, pray that we will meet the test in the daily round, truly living as those who are His.

(Silent prayer.)

INTERCESSION

Praying for Others

Leader: Let us now come before God in prayer for others.
Let us pray for our families.
(A prayer by one chosen.)

Leader: Let us pray for the children of the world.
(A prayer by one chosen.)

Leader: Let us pray for the King and for the leaders of our country and of our Commonwealth.
(A prayer by one chosen.)

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM (sung as a prayer)

Leader: Let us pray for all nations, and especially for the members of the Security Council of the United Nations whose decisions affect every man, woman and child in the world.

(A prayer by one chosen.)

Leader: Let us pray for the Christians of the world.

(A prayer by one chosen.)

Leader: Let us pray for the missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ in every land and for the World Council of Churches.

(A prayer by one chosen.)

Solo: (if desired)

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Giving to Others

Address:

A brief address on the significance of the World Day of Prayer, including the Projects to which the Offerings are given as set forth in the special leaflet, ''What Your Money Does.''

Leader: He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give.—2 Cor. 9: 6, 7.
(turning to audience, as she gives plates to the ushers.)

We give Thee but Thine own
Whate'er our gifts may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Offertory: (soft music, while ushers present offering)

Leader (or spontaneous prayer): Dear Heavenly Father, as Thou didst increase the five loaves and two fishes, the gift of a child, to feed the multitude, so transform this our offering, given out of thankful hearts, that it may bless multitudes, whom though we may not have seen, we love.

Leader and People: (standing) The Doxology.

Hymn: (Tune: St. Clement) Book of Praise 671

Benediction:

The Lord bless thee and keep thee;
The Lord make His face to shine upon thee.
And be gracious unto thee; the Lord
Lift up the light of His countenance
Upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.

All Offerings are sent to Miss Bessie MacMurchy, 122 South Drive, Toronto 5, Treasurer, and communications to Miss E. R. Whiteside, 128 Collier St., Toronto 5, Corresponding Secretary of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

ALLOCATIONS FROM 1949 OFFERTORY

China:	Christian Literature Society, Shanghai	$ 600.00
	Canadian Mission Press, Chengtu	600.00
	‘‘Christian Farmer’’	400.00
	Women’s College, West China Union University, Chengtu	300.00
	Union Theological College, Chengtu	200.00
Korea:	Ewha Woman’s University, Seoul (Dr. Helen Kim, President)	250.00
Japan:	Bibles for Japan	900.00
	Paper for printing Christian Literature	300.00
India:	National Christian Council, Nagpur—	
	Committee on Christian Literature	600.00
	Mass Movement and Literacy Campaign	550.00
	Christian Homes Committee	500.00
	Vellore Christian Medical College, for Christian Literature	700.00
	Ludhiana Medical College	200.00
	Ludhiana Medical College, for Dr. Brown	100.00
	Henry Martin College, Aligarh Christian Literature for Moslems	350.00
	St. Christopher’s Training College	250.00
	Women’s Christian College, Madras, for Christian Literature	200.00
Africa:	International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa, London	700.00
	Mission Press, Dondi, West Africa	300.00
	Margaret Wrong Memorial Fund	500.00
Latin America:	Committee on Co-operation in Latin America, for Christian Literature	200.00
	‘‘Redencion,’’ Bolivia	100.00
International Missionary Council:	Christian Literature for Moslems	200.00
	Orphaned Missions	1,200.00
	Committee on Christian Approach to the Jews, for Christian Literature	1,000.00
	Committee on Research	400.00
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	Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature	400.00
	Christian Medical Council for Overseas Work	150.00
World Council of Churches:	Committee on Inter-Church Aid, for Bibles and Christian Literature and Service for Refugees	2,000.00
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	University Christian Missions	750.00
	Department of Christian Education	350.00
Co-operative Work in Canada:	Canadian School of Missions	1,000.00
	International Leper Missions, Toronto	200.00
	British and Foreign Bible Society, Canadian Branch	1,000.00
	Upper Canada Tract Society	400.00
	‘‘World Dominion’’	100.00
	Feller Institute, Que., for Christian Literature and Bibles	300.00
Christian Literature, Canada:	Ukrainian, ‘‘Ranok,’’ Winnipeg	100.00
	Ukrainian, ‘‘Evangelical Truth,’’ Toronto	200.00
	Hungarian, ‘‘Ta ’Rogata,’’ Toronto	50.00
	Hungarian, ‘‘The Christian Herald,’’ Winnipeg	100.00
	French ‘‘L’Aurore,’’ Montreal	300.00
	Finnish, ‘‘Canadian Viesti’’	25.00
	French Protestant Literature for Canada	650.00
	Hymn Book for Cree Indians of Canada	200.00
		$24,275.00

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

ALL interested in the work of our Church in Formosa will welcome the new booklet with the appropriate and inviting title of STRANGER THAN FICTION by the Rev. James Dickson, one of our Church's missionaries.

During this year as we think particularly of Japan we do not want to forget our work in the beautiful island which was once a part of the Japanese Empire. STRANGER THAN FICTION will serve admirably to keep us in touch with that work and should be read by everyone. It is indeed ''a thrilling story of Modern Missions among the aborigines of Formosa'', telling the story of the remarkable growth of the Church among the people of the hills, of the work done by the outstanding woman Chi-oang, of Dowai and Wiran, of the loyalty and sacrifice of those who dared to follow Christ in spite of persecution, uncertainty and suffering.

The foreword to the booklet is written by the Rev. W. A. Cameron, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Missions of our Church. No better appraisal of the booklet could be given than the following quotation from that foreword:—''This book is a record which is truly 'stranger than fiction', but is a striking evidence of the power of the Gospel to win its way against strong opposition, and with no help but that which comes from the leading of God's Spirit.

''To those who are missionary-minded, this book will bring joy and gratitude to God. To the unprejudiced man or woman, who wants to be informed as to what missionary effort can accomplish, the reading of this record can lead to only one conclusion.

''May its perusal help forward a missionary advance in the home Church.''

We hope that every Auxiliary of our Society will secure several copies of STRANGER THAN FICTION and will see that many read it that they may be inspired by its message.

W.M.S. MEMBERSHIP PINS

Ordinary Membership Pins, silver, $1.25 each. **Life Membership Pins,** gold, $4.25 each. **Honorary Membership Pins,** with new bar, complete, $7.25; new bar applied to old Life Membership Pin, $4.50. (Return old pin to us to have bar attached.) Money must accompany order.

Orders must be sent directly to the PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

"AND so, may the New Year be a happy one to you, happy to many more whose happiness depends upon you."

This is the time when we are prone to make New Year resolutions. What New Year resolutions will your Auxiliary make? We have asked several members to suggest profitable ones, and these are some of the replies:

1. Start each meeting on time and close on time. Do not let the meeting drag. If there is business have it well arranged. Have every detail planned before the meeting. There is a magnetism about an interesting meeting and a friendly one.
2. Have an executive meeting very early in the year and discuss the duties of each officer. See that each officer has the *Handbook for Officers.*
3. If possible, have a plan for the whole year's meetings.
4. Strive for systematic giving either on a monthly or a weekly basis.
5. Canvass your congregation for new members.

For individual members:

I will not be critical.
I will do what is asked of me.
I will do my best to be present at every meeting.
I will become better informed about the work of the Society.
To do this I will read something every day, that I may know more about the work and the workers.
I will learn the names of our missionaries and pray daily for them by name.

Wanted — A Girls' Work Secretary

The Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies and the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) invite applications for the position of *Girls' Work Secretary.* Applications stating experience in girls' work and your professional and academic qualifications should be sent immediately to Reverend J. S. Clarke, Room 809, 100 Adelaide St. West, Toronto 1, Ontario.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

We need a "Youth Secretary".

FOR more than a year we have been without a Youth Secretary in this department. We need someone to contact our groups of young women:

Someone to meet young women in order that they may learn of the great work of our Women's Missionary Society and become interested in organizing new groups;

Someone to create more interest in missions through missionary education among our young people;

Someone who enjoys meeting young people and understands their modern ideas;

Someone who enjoys travel. It would be necessary for her to spend some time in each of the seven Synodicals from Quebec to British Columbia;

Someone who enjoys camping. She would be asked to assume leadership at one or two camps each year as a leader.

Have *you* ever considered this type of work? Perhaps you think you are not qualified; why not write and tell us what your qualifications are. A graduate of Normal School or a University is excellent but do not feel discouraged if you fall short of this.

We would like to hear from *you*.

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

HAPPY New Year to all girls, to workers among girls and to all of our readers who by the very fact of their reading this page, show their interest in girls and the work which your Society is endeavouring to do on their behalf.

We would also like to welcome new members and leaders and secretaries and to assure them that at all times we would welcome the opportunity of helping them in any way which lies within our power.

This month Miss Louise Reith is going to tell you about our new Mission Study. Miss Reith prepared the programme suggestions which accompany the study and we know that with their help it will be little trouble for you to prepare and conduct most interesting meetings.

Have you begun your mission study project yet?

No year's programme in any Girls' Group is complete without a mission study project. This year an attractively bound, beautifully illustrated book of interesting stories, *Tales from Japan* by Marianna Nugent, is recommended for Presbyterian Girls' Groups as the basis of a project on Japan. In addition to the story book the packet contains programme suggestions for six meetings with services of worship, a Service of Re-Affiliation with the Women's Missionary Society, project suggestions, including that of a Japanese festival, and names of additional books to help make the meetings more interesting.

Tales from Japan offers the opportunity to learn much about Japanese history, customs, present-day problems and open doors by introducing those who take the study to modern Japanese Christian young people who are accepting their share of responsibility in rebuilding their land. There is Danjo Kawaji whose ancestors were *samurai,* who proves that a young Japanese Christian is as ready as any of his knightly ancestors to ''bear any pain . . . to lay down his life for his lord''; Ruka, a one time student in a Christian school, who, after the suffering of the war years turns his footsteps back towards the Christian way; Akiko and Kyuji who show the real meaning of Christian brotherhood; Yoshio who was suspicious of Christians but ''changed his mind''; Pastor Tamaki, his wife and daughters who willingly sacrifice themselves to serve their people—these are some of the people we come to know and love as tales from Japan unfold. Then at the close we join with a Japanese family, who in spite of uncomfortable surroundings, anxiety and uncertainty, feel the wonder and significance of Christmas.

We hope that all our Presbyterian Girls' Groups will visit Japan via this study project and having made friends there will be anxious to have a share in assisting Japanese Christians to make Christ known to the people of that land.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, *Secretary*

BECAUSE so many questions and requests have come to us regarding Mission Band work meetings we are using this month's page to give some suggestions.

In connection with handwork our first consideration must be: How much does the handwork contribute to the purpose for which the group is organized? Will it help the children to show more respect and consideration for other people? Will it develop ability to live with others in a Christian spirit? Will it deepen the experience of Christian worship? Will it create and deepen interest in people of other races and countries? Will it lead them to a better understanding of the Bible, and of customs, conditions and ways of life of the people of the Bible? Will it help them to a realization of the reality and importance of the Christian message, and to a desire to share in telling others the Good News?

The next consideration is whether a regular work meeting is really necessary. The age of the children, and the frequency of the meetings should influence the decision about this. Worship and a missionary story, or discussion, is the best use of time when the group meets only once a month. That does not necessarily mean that handwork is not a part of study. The working of objects which explain and relate to the story can be a vital part of the study.

Groups which meet weekly often have alternate study and work meetings. The work meetings should be:

a. a follow-up of the past study meeting, or an introduction to the next. Along with the study book *Where Carp Banners Fly,* some suggestions are given which should be a help along this line.

b. a service project, such as making gifts for children in hospitals, institutions and Indian Schools, or for our Port Workers to give new arrivals in Canada.

The children should clearly understand that this is a service project, so that they will not confuse it with the overseas field they are learning about this year.

Send the gifts to the Presbyterial Supply Secretary for distribution.

c. a study of our Church's work in Canada and Overseas. Children would enjoy the following projects—

1. Making a movie on "Our Church across Canada" or one on "Our Friends in India, China, Japan".

Pictures of missionaries and their families, of buildings and people where our Church is working, may be obtained from *Glad Tidings, The Presbyterian Record,* Geographic magazines and other periodicals.

2. Posters or a frieze could be made instead of the movie.

It is advisable to make this study of our work either before or after the recommended study has been used.

3. If a centre for worship would contribute to an atmosphere for worship, and you wish to make one, write to the Children's Secretary, Mrs. Gordon Wallace, 36 Evelyn Crescent, Toronto and she will supply you with suggestions for making it.

—*Lily M. Macarthur.*

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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KAMLOOPS - OKANAGAN Presbyterial — St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Penticton, had as speakers at their Thank-offering meeting Reverend G. P. and Mrs. Tasker, retired missionaries from India.

Victoria Presbyterial—At a recent Port Alberni Auxiliary meeting Mrs. Mowat was honoured for her faithful work in the Auxiliary, Mrs. H. B. Currie recalled how Mrs. Mowat had been instrumental in holding the group together during difficult times. Miss Buckley gave a new picture of the work emphasizing the help given to the Indian people through the Women's Missionary Society.

The annual Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary was held recently. Miss Lily Simpson, Reg.N., was the guest speaker and gave to her audience a very interesting account of present-day conditions in India and their relation to missionary endeavour. She spoke particularly of our own two mission fields.

The Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society of Victoria has sustained a great loss in the recent passing of Mrs. James McIntosh. Mrs. McIntosh, the former Margaret McLennan, was a native of Pictou, N.S., where in her early girlhood she became very interested in the missionary work of the Church. Since coming to Victoria many years ago, she has been a very active worker. Her special interest was in the Supply Department. She was a past President of the Presbyterial and was a delegate to Council Meeting before 1925. When failing health necessitated her retirement from active work, Mrs. McIntosh retained a very interested share in the work of the Society.

Westminster Presbyterial — The annual Thank-offering meeting of Robertson Auxiliary, Vancouver, was held in the church hall. Reverend W. J. Allen, guest speaker, took as his topic ''Foundation of the Missionary Enterprise''. An offering plate, donated by a member, was dedicated for use in the Auxiliary.

St. Stephen's Auxiliary, Vancouver, was given the report of the Council Meeting held recently in Calgary, by Mrs. Norma Barlow Anderson. The address was entitled ''Is our work worth the Sacrifice?''. The various departments were mentioned and discussed, showing the scope and progress in each. The talk was a prelude to discussion of the raising of the allocation, which was enthusiastically received. The Auxiliary felt that it was proud to belong to an organization with vision, and the willingness to tackle great problems with insight and courage.

ALBERTA

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MACLEOD Presbyterial—The Executive of the Presbyterial met at Lethbridge, Tuesday, October 25th. Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary, gave a very interesting talk on the work among children in British Columbia and in the vacation schools in the Peace River Country. She said, in part, that children should be taught early that this is a God-centred world and that there is an important work for each one to do both at home and abroad. She noted the politeness and friendliness of the children and parents in the Indian and Japanese schools. The work done, along with Miss Athalie Read, in the vacation schools in the Peace River Country had been most gratifying. The parents of the children are most co-operative and the work is progressing favourably.

Red Deer Presbyterial—The Auxiliary of Carstairs recently entertained the Home Helpers at a Harvest Supper followed by music and singing. There were 52 present. A film on India was enjoyed. The annual Thank-offering meeting was held in the church with Mr. Townsley as guest speaker. The Roll Call at the Thank-offering was answered by each member giving a toy for a boy or girl. We are now beginning a collection of used clothing.

SASKATCHEWAN

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NEWS items for the *Glad Tidings* show that Miss Frieda Matthews had a busy time in Saskatchewan during October, where she addressed Women's Missionary Society Rallies in Regina, Weyburn and Tisdale, besides meeting with the Presbyterial Executives. Miss Matthews spoke of the different racial groups that make the Canadian pattern, each having something unique to contribute to the whole. She reviewed the work that has been done among Ukrainians, Hungarians, the Indians and Chinese, and outlined plans for expansion in each field and the need for many more workers. She felt that Presbyterian advancement is only limited by lack of workers to go in ''and possess the land'', and she urged her hearers individually to seek out some one who would be especially fitted for certain work and then to pray that that person would be led to do that work. Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary, accompanied Miss Matthews throughout Saskatchewan and contributed much to the success of the meetings. In Tisdale where she once lived, she had the happy privilege of making presentations to two young missionary women, Caroline Johnson and Elayne Caughlin, before introducing Miss Matthews.

Prince Albert Presbyterial—Members of the Lucy Baker Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert, held their autumn Thank-offering meeting at the home of Mrs. Linda McGiffin, with Mrs. Hawkins presiding. Mrs. Schula of Meath Park was the guest speaker, and as she spoke of her flight with her small son from occupied Europe the gathering was deeply moved. ''Many times death had been very near'', said Mrs. Schula, ''but God had protected them and through His mercy they had survived.''

The Thank-offering meeting of Knox Church, Sylvania, was held on October 21st with Mrs. Miller presiding. Mrs. C. C. Downing of Melfort, was the guest speaker, basing her remarks on St. Luke 18: 10-13. Mrs. Childs gave the address of welcome and also expressed appreciation to Miss Jean Whitson for her untiring help through the summer.

The Melfort Evening Auxiliary held its regular monthly Sunday evening meeting October 9th, open to all who cared to attend. The Reverend John Elder of British Guiana, was the guest speaker. The work in British Guiana, said Mr. Elder, was a colourful, interesting and absorbing task. People of all races intermingle with practically no sense of ''colour'', and whites, blacks, browns and yellows are at home together making the work much easier than in fields where this is not so. The government, too, is aware of the necessity of the work of the Church and co-operates in every way in providing the schools and churches. The great need is for more help such as teachers and preachers, and Mr. Elder appealed to parents to so bring up boys and girls that they may see the need of spreading the Gospel. It is the kind of life in which the greatest service possible may be rendered to mankind. Following the service Mr. Elder showed slides of British Guiana which were much enjoyed by all.

Saskatoon Presbyterial — Parkview Auxiliary, Saskatoon, held their October meeting in the Chapel with Mrs. J. M. Young presiding. This was *Glad Tidings* meeting and the Secretary, Mrs. Elsey, spoke of the number of copies going into the congregation apart from the members of the Society. Mrs. Yoos mentioned the personal appeal that letters and accounts from the mission fields had for her and she also felt that the pictures of our various workers which were published from time to time brought us closer to them and their work. Miss Steenson divided her remarks into three parts: 1. information, 2. finance, 3. advance ''through the Society'', and she pointed out the many interesting and helpful bits of information that might contribute to the preparations for the monthly meetings. Mrs. Young gave an outline of this magazine from its beginning as letters and leaflets sent out in the early days to the form it now has.

Editor's Note—The account of Dr. Cowan's visit to Mistawasis Indian Reserve will be found at the front of the magazine under the title: The Moderator Visited Mistawasis.

MANITOBA

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SUPERIOR Presbyterial—Mrs. W. S. Nairn, president, occupied the chair at the monthly meeting of the Presbyterial held in the Sunday School room of First Presbyterian Church, Port Arthur. Mrs. Nairn, who attended the Council Meeting held in Grace Church, Calgary, September 26th to 30th, with Mrs. C. LeCocq, Manitoba Synodical President, gave an interesting report of the sessions. The date set for the annual meeting of the Presbyterial was Wednesday, February 22nd, in First Presbyterian Church, Fort William.

An inspiring and informative message was given to more than forty members of St. Andrew's Junior Guild, Fort William, on Tuesday, November 8th by Miss Frieda Matthews, Executive Secretary, National Missions. Mrs. C. LeCocq introduced the speaker, who gave an account of her contact as a teacher and worker with the Presbyterian mission schools. She told of the boys and girls in the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School at Kenora, for which Guild members were packing a Christmas bale. She presented a word picture of their homes, their environment, and the struggle to acquire Presbyterian workers to go into these fields so close to home. Miss Matthews went on to tell of what the Church was doing in Canada with Chinese young people and the splendid support given to them in the field of education. Mrs. F. Blain had on hand an excellent display of literature and reviewed several of the newer books.

Winnipeg Presbyterial — A meeting was held under the auspices of the Presbyterial in First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg. The guest speaker was Miss Frieda Matthews, National Missions, Executive Secretary. Miss Matthews spoke of the National Work, basing her remarks on the text: ''He shall have dominion from sea to sea''. Mrs. G. W. Bradley, Presbyterial President, presided.

Stonewall Auxiliary had the pleasure of having both Mrs. Bradley and Miss Ruby Walker at their November meeting, held at the home of Mrs. R. J. Scott. Mrs. Bradley gave a report of the Council Meeting held in Calgary, stressing the importance of the devotional part of the Meeting.

Calvin Auxiliary, Winnipeg, held a meeting at the home of Mrs. T. Newlands, Mrs. S. Sutton presiding. Mrs. G. W. Bradley, Presbyterial President, was guest speaker. She presented the highlights of the Council Meeting held in Calgary mentioning the various departments. Reference was made to the morning devotions conducted by Dr. F. S. Morley. She spoke of Miss Reith's presentation of the new study book on Japan. Mrs. Bradley urged Home Helpers to carry on in their work, stressing its importance to the Society. She spoke of the Indian Schools and St. Margaret's Girls' Centre. Mrs. J. C. Gibbs, Presbyterial *Glad Tidings* Secretary, spoke on the increase in the price of *The Glad Tidings* and urged the members to secure more subscriptions as it was a most valuable piece of information on the work at home and abroad.

The fall Thank-offering meeting of St. James Auxiliary, Winnipeg, was held November 15th, the president, Mrs. A. Walker, in the chair. Devotions were conducted by the Evening Auxiliary and a number was presented by the Explorers. Mrs. Matthews, leader of the C.G.I.T. group, outlined the work of her department and asked for the interest and support of the Auxiliary. The address was given by Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary. She gave a most interesting and informative résumé of the Home Missions of our Church. Beginning with an account of the work among new Canadians, she followed up with a review of the new fields and the enlarged opportunities for our Church.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial —Mrs. D. McCullough, Tara, graciously and efficiently conducted the two sederunts of the fall Executive meeting of the Presbyterial, of which she is president. The meetings were held in St. Paul's Church, Wiarton, Tuesday, November 8th. Routine business was conducted and all reports showed spiritual warmth, while the financial report showed a decided advance. Mrs. F. Rowand, Girls' Organizations Secretary, Walkerton, reported two new groups formed; one at Chatsworth and one at Walkerton.

The ''Programme of Advance'' as drafted by Council at Calgary was outlined and accepted by the delegates. Mrs. Halton of Tiverton, gave a concise yet definite conception of the work and standing of the Synodical for 1948, from her impressions as a delegate to Goderich in May. Mrs. A. Shier gave an excellent report of the Evening Department Conference in Montreal. Tribute was paid to the late Mrs. Peter Reith formerly of Tara.

The Senior and Jessie Clow Evening Auxiliaries of St. Andrew's Church, Owen Sound, united for their fall Thank-offering meeting held on the evening of November 1st when they were honoured by having Mrs. D. Munro, Synodical President, as speaker. Mrs. Adams, in a few gracious words introduced Mrs. Munro whose topic was ''The Vitality of the Christian Church''. It lives because of heroic men and women who had an indestructible faith in God; because of the message Christ gave to his disciples and because of its Purpose and Programme. Mrs. Munro also touched on our Welcome and Welfare—that spirit of sharing in our own community.

Chatsworth, Williamsford and Dornoch Auxiliaries warmly welcomed the Synodical President, Mrs. D. Munro, Hamilton, when she addressed their meeting on the evening of November 2nd. Mrs. Duncanson, Chatsworth, presided over this enthusiastic gathering.

Tara Auxiliary welcomed members of Southampton, Dunblane, Allenford and Owen Sound Auxiliaries at their fall Thank-offering meeting held on the evening of October 28th. Miss Maude McDonald, president, was in the chair and Mrs. D. Bryce, former Presbyterial President, gave an excellent paper on the life of John Geddie.

Chatham Presbyterial—Members of Duart, Thamesville and Ridgetown Auxiliaries were guests at the Thank-offering meeting of the Turin Auxiliary when Mrs. Ivan Hamill of Ridgetown spoke on ''Why I belong to a Missionary Society and my Responsibility to that Society''.

Speaking at the October meeting of the Ellen Douglas Auxiliary, Knox Church, Windsor, Mrs. J. Prince told that during the war presses had been smuggled into Western China for use in the printing of Christian Literature.

At the September meeting of the Senior Auxiliary, Knox Church, Wallaceburg, Mrs. Noble Law, Dresden, Presbyterial President, gave a most interesting account of the Council Meeting held in Calgary.

Hamilton Presbyterial—At the special ''Mildred Soutar'' Sunday service held in Erskine Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, floral tributes to her memory were placed in the front of the church. At this service also a special gift was contributed for the M. G. Abey Memorial Nursing Home in India.

London Presbyterial—Ailsa Craig Auxiliary Thank-offering was addressed by Mrs. J. R. Waldie, London. Her topic was ''In Everything Give Thanks''. We should not wait for the big moments in life for which to give thanks—many worthy things often grew from small beginnings.

St. George's Afternoon Auxiliary, London, invited Chalmers Auxiliary, London, to convene the programme for their fall Thank-offering meeting. Mrs. P. DeRuiter, as guest speaker, used ''To-morrow is Here'', as her topic. She stressed the thought that Christ is knocking at the door of our hearts to-day and wants admission to-day not to-morrow.

Alma Street groups were hostesses and Mrs. J. K. West cordially welcomed the guests to a Rally held at Alma Street Church, St. Thomas. Miss L. K. Pelton addressed the afternoon auxiliaries on the challenge facing us in our overseas fields. Tea was served and all were invited to remain for the evening meeting when Miss Pelton showed a film on our foreign fields. There was an excellent attendance. Dutton Auxiliary has a membership of 33 and 29 were present with their leader Mrs. D. Ford. ''As we left for our homes we all felt we had been in close communion with the Master.''

Miss Lily Macarthur gave much valuable information when she met with the leaders of the Children's Department under the convenership of Mrs. J. R. Waldie, prior to the Presbyterial Board meeting on November 8th.

The 60th anniversary of Glencoe, Gordon Mission Band was celebrated by a meeting and a tea. This Band was formed by Mrs. W. W. Gordon, the present leaders being Mrs. R. Chisholm and Mrs. J. Botting. The Mission Band girls conducted the worship service and Mrs. R. M. Weekes, Glencoe, as special speaker, illustrated her remarks by a story: "When the Chimes Rang".

Maitland Presbyterial—Mrs. A. MacAuley, Ripley, Presbyterial President, was guest speaker at the fall Thank-offering meeting of the Langside Auxiliary. Guests were present from Whitechurch and Teeswater Auxiliaries.

Teeswater Auxiliary had Mrs. Baulch of South Kinloss as guest speaker at their fall Thank-offering meeting.

Mrs. Shortt, Kincardine, gave the address at the Ripley Auxiliary Thank-offering meeting.

"Thanksgiving" was the theme of Mr. Currie's address to the Whitechurch Auxiliary on the occasion of their semi-annual Thank-offering meeting.

Ashfield Mission Band met every week during July and August. Of 35 members on the roll there was an average attendance of 28. The meetings were divided into four parts e.g. Bible Study, Mission Study, a story and a recreational period.

Paris Presbyterial—The Presbyterial Executive met on October 21st when tentative plans were made for the Synodical meeting to be held April 18th, 19th and 20th in Brantford.

Representatives from every branch of the Presbyterial were present at a Rally in Ingersoll marking the centennial celebration of the Presbyterian Church there. Mrs. A. E. Toombs, Beeton, as special speaker, told many incidents pertaining to her life and work in India. Mrs. G. D. Johnston, Brantford, spoke briefly and Mrs. N. W. Wilson, Ingersoll, brought highlights from the Council Meeting in Calgary to which she was a delegate.

A unique event took place at Penmarvian recently when the Emily Capron Mission Band were guests of Miss Winnifred Ferguson. It was the first time a Mission Band had been entertained at Penmarvian. Lillian Wilkie was in the chair and the members of the Mission Band participated in their usual form of worship service. A beautiful table bell, the gift of Miss Ferguson was presented to the leader to be used at the Mission Band meetings.

Sarnia Presbyterial—Nineteen Auxiliaries were represented when Sarnia Presbyterial held its fall Executive meeting on October 19th in Knox Church, Warwick, with Mrs. P. J. McEwen, Wyoming, presiding and Mrs. Smith, president of Knox Auxiliary, extending a very hearty welcome. Mrs. Fred Gallie, Forest, brought reflections from the recent Council Meeting in Calgary, while Mrs. D. B. Kane, London and Miss J. White, Strathroy, gave impressions gleaned from the Evening Department Conference held in Montreal last May. The departmental reports were most encouraging: Supplies had been shipped to Birtle Indian School, also to our Port Worker at Montreal and to Toronto for European Relief. Finances were in a healthy condition. A new Mission Band had been formed at Thedford.

Stratford Presbyterial—The fall Executive meeting of the Presbyterial was held November 4th in St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, Mrs. J. Erskine, Monkton, presiding. Mrs. A. G. Scott spoke briefly on *Glad Tidings* and Miss Leckie on Finances. A beautiful bale had been sent to Reverend James Marnoch, Elphinstone, Manitoba. Reports from northern and southern sectional meetings were heard and the consensus was most helpful both to the visiting officers and the Auxiliaries. Mrs. Erskine gave a vivid account of the Council Meeting, held in September in Grace Church, Calgary, and Miss E. Davidson, returned missionary from British Guiana, spoke briefly of her work there.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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GUELPH Presbyterial — Four Life Memberships were presented at the 60th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Women's Missionary Society at Central Church, Galt. The jubilee started with dinner, served by the social committee. As Mrs. Woods, the president, lighted the candles on the birthday cake she spoke with respect and admiration of former members who had worked for the benefit of the Auxiliary in its infancy and after. In an excellent history of the Auxiliary's activities, Mrs. Robert Hastings, secretary, told of the work of this enthusiastic band of women from their first meeting April 3, 1889. Greetings from the Presbyterial were brought by the president, Miss L. Sinclair and many letters and messages of congratulations were heard.

At the Thank-offering meeting of Knox, Paisley Block Auxiliary an Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. James Hadden, a gift from Mrs. M. Turner, Montreal, in memory of her mother, Mrs. W. W. Buchanan. In making the presentation, Mrs. Baker recalled the years of service given to the Auxiliary by Mrs. Buchanan who was a former president, and Mrs. Hadden who was a charter member and the first secretary when the group was organized 49 years ago. With appropriate words bouquets of flowers were presented to the two oldest members of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Hadden and Miss Ellen Whitelaw.

Lindsay Presbyterial—The Beaverton Auxiliary celebrated their 70th anniversary recently with guests present from many Auxiliaries of the Presbyterial and from other Churches in Beaverton, all of whom brought greetings. Mrs. W. A. McLennan, Corresponding Secretary of Council Executive, was the guest speaker and the president, Mrs. Burns presided. Beaverton was the second Auxiliary formed in what is now Lindsay Presbyterial Uxbridge had been organized three months previously. Two missionaries went to India from the Auxiliary, Miss Isabella Ross, afterward Mrs. Broad, and Miss Kate Calder, now Mrs. Jones.

The Auxiliary of St. John's Church, Port Perry, entertained the Auxiliaries of Wick, Sonya, Cresswell and Ashburn at their Thank-offering service. Mrs. Foote, Port Hope, was the guest speaker.

Orangeville Presbyterial—Miss Laura K. Pelton was the guest speaker at a sectional meeting of the southern half of the Presbyterial held in Knox Church, Grand Valley. Miss Pelton gave a vivid and inspiring address on the conditions and needs to-day of our overseas missions.

Saugeen Presbyterial—The fall Rally of the Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, Harriston, and was well attended. In giving the treasurer's report, Mrs. R. Honeyman of Durham, stated that this year's allocation is well paid to date. Conn Auxiliary was commended for exceeding their quota. The guest speaker was Mrs. Gordon L. Hamill of Durham, formerly Anne Ryrie, who had attended the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam last year. Mrs. Hamill compared the people of the world to the rim of a wheel, the Churches are the spokes, and Christ the hub.

Toronto Presbyterial—The theme of the fall Rally of the Presbyterial was ''To Know Him and To Make Him Known''. Reverend Ross K. Cameron and Dr. Glazier were the guest speakers. Banners for city and rural attendance were presented to Victoria and Nashville Auxiliaries. The evening devotional period was in charge of the Presbyterial Young Women's Fellowship.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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THE October Thankoffering meeting of the Mountain Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Harold Clark with the ladies of South Mountain Auxiliary as guests. Mrs. J. C. Ross, Presbyterial president, just recently returned from Calgary gave highlights of the Council Meeting.

Mrs. J. C. Ross had the pleasure of addressing the Thank-offering meeting of Dixons' Corners auxiliary where she spoke on the Council Meeting.

The auxiliary at Winchester Springs celebrated its diamond jubilee on October 26. The president Mrs. Preston McIntosh presided at the meeting. Mrs. Jay Bailey of Chesterville conducted the devotions reading from I Kings 17: 9. This passage was read at the first meeting sixty years ago. Mrs. J. C. Ross brought greetings and also addressed the audience on the theme ''Memories'' in addition to speaking on the Council highlights. Reverend W. H. Huestin brought greetings from Presbytery and Reverend I. McIver brought greetings from the Kirk Session. Mrs. Earl Munro, who has all of the minute books since the organization meeting, gave a very interesting historical sketch.

The Mission Bands of the western section met in Kemptville on November 5th for their fall rally. Mrs. G. Blow, Children's Work Secretary, presided. Mrs. Charles Robertson, Synodical Children's Work Secretary, brought greetings and presented awards.

Glengarry Presbyterial—On October 20th section six of Glengarry met in St. Columba Church, Kirkhill. The guest speaker, Reverend A. Gordon Faraday, Vankleek Hill, gave a review of the work being done by our Church in overseas fields.

Montreal Presbyterial — The annual Mission Band Rally was held in First Presbyterian Church, Montreal, on Saturday afternoon, October 29th under the direction of Miss Vina Watt, Secretary of Children's Work for Montreal Presbyterial. Mrs. R. McCleery, President of the Presbyterial, opened the rally with prayer and devotions were conducted by the Fairmount Taylor Mission Band. Other Bands taking part in the programme included Athelstan, Riverfield, First Church, Chinese, Tyndale House and St. Lambert. Winners of the Out of Town Banners were Lachute and Riverfield; and the City Banners were won by Verdun, Fairmount Taylor and St. Matthew's. Tyndale House Mission Band had the largest representation with 21 members present.

A gift presented to Miss Margaret Rodgers, a missionary for many years in India, has been given to the Women's Missionary Society of the Margaret Rodger Memorial Church at Lachute.

Treasurer's Statement

November 30th, 1949

RECEIPTS:

Miss Janet Morton, Brantford, ''Native Worker in India''	$ 5.00
Women's Association, Rosedale Church, Toronto, ''Education of Miss K. Sun''	25.00
Knox Church, Fort Erie, Miss Pelton's services	25.00
Interest on Permanent Endowment for Bhil Field	260.50
Rent from Worker	20.00
Income Tax received	150.05
Government Grant, Cecilia Jeffrey School	9,631.03
Government Grant, Birtle School	8,609.00
Knox Presbyterian Church, Woodstock, Ontario, Miss Pelton's services	20.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund, for Miss Ponger's Expenses	42.50
Mrs. Agnes Pollock, Bayfield, Ontario, ''Overseas Work''	250.00
Miss Elizabeth Gibson, Innisfail, Alberta ''Mission Work in China''	10.00
Synodical Givings:	
British Columbia	700.00
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Alberta	620.00
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Manitoba	531.30
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Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	216.45
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Hamilton and London	6,400.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	153.95
	$42,442.48

DISBURSEMENTS:

Indian Schools:	
Birtle	$ 166.66
Birtle, Government Grant	2,332.63
Cecilia Jeffrey	158.31
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	4,739.64
Chinese in Canada	1,001.47
Deaconesses	871.42
St. Margaret's Centre	326.22
Children's Centres	521.05
Port Work	122.36
Organization	701.34
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India:	
Bhil Field	166.66
Jhansi Field	100.00
China	100.00
Formosa	1,821.10
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Miss K. Sun, Maintenance	119.50
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Estate of the late Mrs. Mary C. Johnston, Stratford	250.00
Rev. Duncan McLeod, Toronto, Education of two girls in Tamsui Girls' School	120.00
A Friend, Bursary for Native Worker in India	100.00
Peterborough Presbyterial, in memory of the late Mrs. W. H. Morgan, Education of Girl, Jhansi Field	100.00
Legacy Fund—	
Estate of Annie McGregor, Vancouver, B.C.	100.00
Estate of Mrs. C. Christman, through St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Windsor	200.00
	$1,070.00

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Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Education of Hungarian Student	$ 47.50
Formosa, Education of two girls, Tamsui Girls' School	120.00
Boy in Amkhut School	45.00
Education of Scholar, Bhil Field	30.00
Scholarship for nurse in India	100.00
Legacy Fund—	
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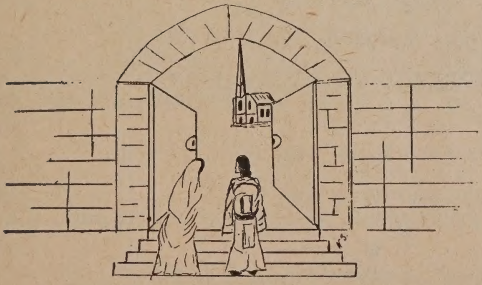

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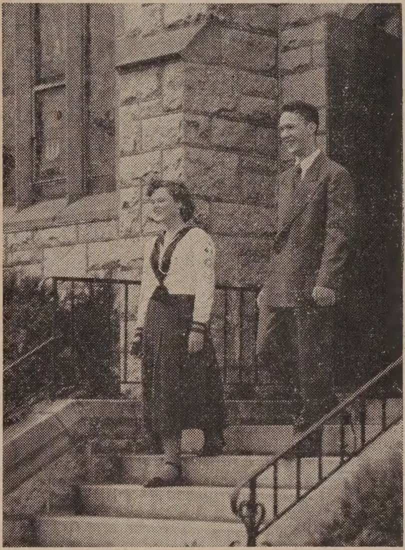
"Ambassadors for Christ"

TEEN-AGE boys and girls in our land are concentrating from January 30—February 5 on a special effort to interpret two of their Church-centred programmes to the communities in which they live.



Ambassadors for Christ.

The purpose of the Canadian Girls in Training Movement is to bring teen-age girls to a full knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and to help to apply their Christian faith and experience to all sides of life; to develop a Christian fellowship with girls their own age by which they may play, work and think together; to extend the Christian Education programme of the local Church into a mid-week session where interesting projects and discussions are related to the emphasis of the Sunday sessions.

The National C.G.I.T. Committee of the Canadian Council of Churches report that there are approximately 30,000 girls throughout Canada who are seeking to live up to the C.G.I.T. purpose:

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Serve Others

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The Tuxis Movement is a distinctively Christian Movement promoted by the local Church which seeks to lead teen-age boys into a full knowledge of Jesus Christ and of His way of life for them. The Movement is based on the verse of Scripture Luke 2:52

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man."

Some of these young people are sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces of members of The Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society. We cannot let their special week go by without wishing them God's blessing on their adventure and praying that their programmes may reach more and more teen-agers in our land. Our prayers and our wishes can be brought to fulfilment if we see an answer to them in our own active participation as individuals and as Auxiliaries in support of those who have dedicated themselves to be "ambassadors for Christ".

Prayer

ETERNAL Father, who by Thy great love has called us into fellowship with Thyself, through Jesus Christ our Lord, we come unto Thee with thanksgiving for all Thy blessings. We are unworthy of Thy mercies but through the merits of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, do ever come unto Thee. We thank Thee for the impulse to pray. Enable us to practise in our lives those virtues we crave in our petitions. We would pray for ourselves because we know if we are not inspired by love for Thee, all the work we do, all the words we speak will profit us nothing. Holy Spirit wilt Thou come into our lives and drive out whatever is holding us back from true service—make us willing and ready to have our prayers answered. As we face the new opportunities of these strategic days we pray that Thou would'st open our eyes that we may get a new vision of the world's need; open our ears that we may hear the call of those millions who do not know they need Thee; open our hearts and touch our wills that we may answer that call, by laying our all at His feet.

We ask a special blessing on Thy servants in far off places of our land and in the lands across the sea. May they always have the assurance of Thy nearness and may it be that we do not fail them.

May Thy Holy Spirit be with us and grant that all we say or think or do may be in accordance with Thy will. Amen.

Visiting with the National Executive Secretary

AT the time of the Council Meeting last fall, I was privileged to travel with Miss Matthews, our National Executive Secretary as she went her rounds visiting the missionary work in which our Society is greatly interested. In the December issue of *The Glad Tidings,* I wrote the general impressions of the work which I saw. I tried to tell you my feelings, as a new member of staff, concerning the tasks which we are performing in the National field with our money, with our time and with our prayers. It is my hope that in the next several issues you may have, through the pictures and through a brief description, a more detailed idea of the locale of our missions and of the work being done in them, not only in the west but in Ontario and Quebec as well.

Miss Frieda Matthews, National Missions, Executive Secretary.

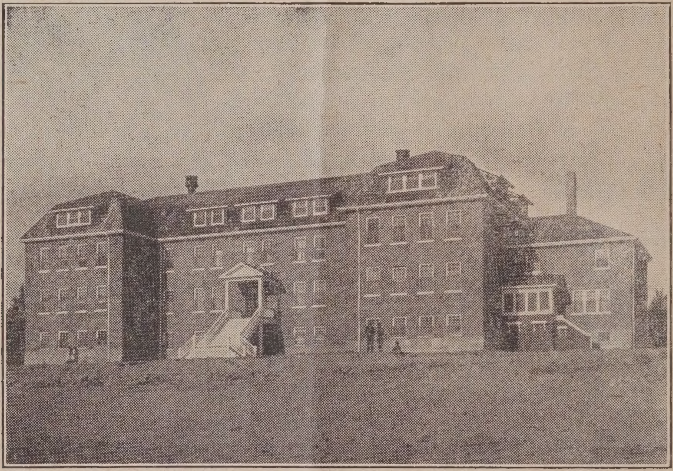
The Indian Schools

I start with the Indian schools because it was at the Cecilia Jeffrey School on the outskirts of Kenora, Ontario that we made our first stop last fall. The building you see in the cut is now almost completely hidden by poplar trees. If you look closely at the picture of Mr. and Mrs. Ross, you will see that they are standing in front of a hedge and that behind that hedge a large area of lawn stretches down to a body of water known as Round Lake. A bit of the lake can be seen in the upper left hand corner of the picture. The hedge borders a driveway that leads to the entrance of the residence and on to the farm yard and the barns.

Mr. T. C. and Mrs. Ross, Principal and Matron, Cecilia Jeffrey.

The interior of the school is much the same as that of any other school. Beside the classrooms there are dormitories for the boys and girls, an auditorium, playrooms, dining rooms and kitchen. The staff have their rooms and a comfortably furnished sitting room. The meaning of the word ''residence'' used in connection with the Indian schools had bothered me a great deal until I found that it is the apartment in which the principal and matron make their home. At ''C.J.'', the residence consists of living room, dining room, kitchen downstairs and three bedrooms and a bathroom upstairs. Sunday afternoon when we were there, the eight high school students were invited to call that we might visit with them. I imagine the principal's living quarters are often used to extend special privileges to the Indian students.

The programmes of study carried on at ''C.J.'' and at Birtle are the same as that prescribed by the departments of education in Ontario and Manitoba. At Cecilia Jeffrey a daily chapel period begins the programme. The principal leads this service which is simple and short. Extracurricular activities are planned and supervised by members of the staff. These are mostly sports at which the Indian children are quite adept. We were shown samples of the art work and the crafts which the children at ''C.J.'' delight in doing. Mrs. Douglas, the Senior teacher has many an attractive water colour hung upon the walls of the halls and classrooms as well as placed among her collection of the children's paintings. The hand woven scarves and the wood work are also features of extra work these young people do.



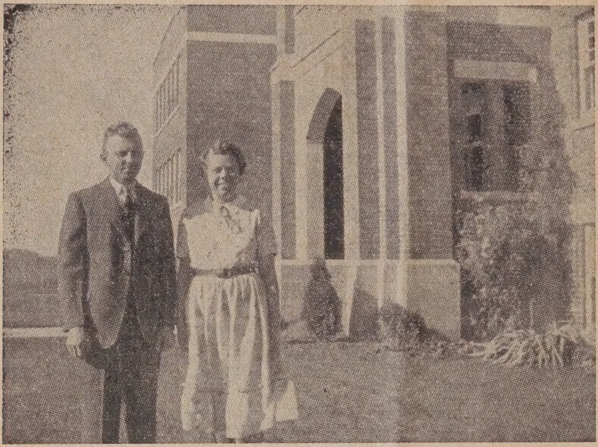
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residental School, Kenora, Ontario.

There is a measure of self discipline at ''C.J.'' Mrs. Ross explained that the children are divided into bands, each band having its own leader or captain. They are judged upon their appearance and their discipline throughout the year and special privileges are the rewards of winning bands.

The Birtle Indian Residential School overlooks the town of Birtle, Manitoba. From the front door of the school one can look down the hill into the town and away beyond the town to wooded hills which were touched with gold when we were there. The principal Mr. Rusaw exercises one of his hobbies upon the front lawn. Great was our sorrow that Jack Frost had preceded us by only a short time and deprived us of the pleasure of seeing the beauty of the flower gardens which are the pride and joy of the whole town and to which visitors are taken when they are being shown the ''sights'' of Birtle. Back of the school is flat prairie land which is a part of the 880 acres making up the farm held in connection with the school. The fields in front of the building are rough, sloping, rocky, usable only as pasture.

Birtle Indian Residential School, Birtle, Manitoba.

The programme of the school is similar to the programme at ''C.J.''. We were greatly interested and impressed at Birtle with the use made of the bales which they receive. Those who attended Council, saw a sample of the coats, the skirts, the ski suits made from the coats sent in bales. The girls are taught how to remake the clothes thus received into very attractive outfits for themselves. Like ''C.J.'', the senior students are high school students. Look again at their picture, ask yourself if you do not think they look the part we all hope they are destined to play as leaders of their people. Personally I hope that we may be able to watch their progress and the progress of those who will come after as the years go by and as they take their places in the professional, the industrial and the business world. Here indeed is an investment which calls forth the very best support! These young people



Mr. N. M. and Mrs. Rusaw, Principal and Matron, Birtle.

are already making a place for themselves in the high school in the town. They take part in the sports and they are welcomed as classmates in every part of the school's activity. They make their home at the residential school, of course. There they have won for themselves special privileges. The boys and girls each have their own dormitories apart from the public school pupils. There they can do their studies and listen to the radio and have a freedom from some of the regular routine of school life. The girls are learning to teach the Sunday School classes and the boys to lead the School as superintendents.

The farm at Birtle was a great attraction for a woman who all her life has been used to the small general farms of southern Ontario. General farming is practised at Birtle for they produce there enough of the food products native to that area to feed the 150 students and the twelve to fourteen

High School Class. Girls (reading from left to right): Betty Bunn, Irene Johnston, Viola Tanner, Hazel Fourstar, Mary Bowers, Edna Johnston. Boys: Arthur Wambidee, Nelson Tanner, Elliot Bear.

Part of the Shorthorn herd sold at auction.

members of staff. We went out to watch the junior class under the direction of Miss Wainman pick up potatoes. Back of the large potato field were the fields with yellow stubble and the straw stacks in the corner. They still had a few oats to thresh when we were there the latter part of September and they would thresh it in the field the following week. The grain yield had been fair this year, Mr. Rusaw said, and they would have enough vegetables to supply their table. Students were busy gathering them on the second day of our visit. These seasonal chores are done by the boys and girls in regular periods allowed in the curriculum for manual work and training in the manual arts. One period a week, a time equivalent to a half day of school time, is allowed for such activities in the senior classes while the juniors spent less school time at manual arts. Of course there are chores for each group to perform after school hours just as there are for the young people from farm and city homes in all parts of Canada. To get back to the farm, there are three quarters of a section of land under cultivation each year. The rest of the farm is made up of pasture and scrub land. The grain produced each year is used to feed the cattle, pigs, horses and poultry on the farm. The herd of Dual Purpose Shorthorn cattle was viewed for the first and the last time by this visitor since the larger part of the herd was sold at auction a few weeks after our visit to give place to a smaller dairy herd. The returns

Mr. Rusaw shows off a few of the flock.

from the sale have been used to purchase the herd of Holsteins. Enough beef calves were left to supply the school with meat for at least a part of the winter season. 300 hundred laying hens are kept and the three breeds, Barred Rocks, White Leghorns and Light Sussex keep the children well fed with eggs and with a treat of chicken dinner from time to time. A herd of swine is kept, just enough to provide three head a month for the pork diet of the staff and students. We saw some of these home-grown products being prepared for a noon meal and later we shared with the staff in consuming food excellently cooked and served to both students and teachers under the most healthful circumstances. The standards in health and cleanliness set by both schools must of necessity be high and our Society has been fortunate that two nurses have served the Indian children with a great interest in their health and welfare. Miss Janet Carruthers and Miss Kathleen Stewart have been with the Cecilia Jeffrey and Birtle schools for a number of years.

Mrs. Patterson, Kitchen Matron, supervises the serving of dinner.

To these people, to the members of the present staffs and to the principals and matrons, the Indian children owe much for they do more than fulfil the proper number of hours of work, they give of themselves that those whom they are guiding might have the best in Christian teaching.

The Children's Centres

Right after Council, Miss Matthews and I went on to the Pacific coast and spent some time at the Children's Centre in Vancouver. The picture you see on the cover of the children building with their blocks seems to me to set the theme of our children's centres. In Vancouver we are serving children whose parents are anxious that their children be given the opportunity of Christian teaching in their early, formative years. The mothers take their turns in assisting at the Centre as volunteer helpers and as one of them said to me: ''We learn more than the children. We realize that our children are not the only ones in the world''. They learn to appreciate each other too and to appreciate the fact that the good things of this earth have their origin with a loving

Miss Helen Ross and Miss Catherine Watson.

Heavenly Father. 22 children were in attendance the morning we spent observing in the school. We saw the regular nursery school programme of story telling, hand work, language study groups, games, rest and morning snack being carried on by trained workers who are sympathetic with the problems of small children and with the desire of our Society to teach them the love of Jesus their Saviour. The parents pay $1.00 a week to have their children taught in our Centre and allow them the privilege of playing in the yard which is part of the property. Otherwise these pre-school youngsters would be kept in rooms with only the street as their playground. In addition, Miss Ross and Miss Watson visit in the homes of the neighbourhood, they work in Central Presbyterian Church and they carry on Church mid-week groups for children and for girls.

Such a Centre also exists in Portage la Prairie. The need in that prosperous prairie town is not as great as in the larger centres but undoubtedly a service in Christian education is being carried on for the community by our Society.

Miss Margaret Mackenzie, Superintendent, Nursery School, Tyndale House, Montreal.

Our third Children's Centre is in Eastern Canada. Tyndale House Children's Centre gives Christian teaching to children from a different environment. Situated in downtown Montreal, in the midst of the fruit and vegetable warehouses, and the railway yards, it calls to its doors children who rejoice to find the warmth and friendliness emanating not from any beautiful and commodious dwelling but from the hearts of those who serve at Tyndale and those people in Montreal who have its welfare close to their hearts. It was springtime when we saw the work here. Classes were progressing as we have described but the season was drawing to a close. Soon the centre would be closed up for the summer and the happy playtimes and work periods would have to cease. But such is not the case in Montreal, for the Tyndale House board provide a camp for the children and the parents who attend the centre. The W.M.S. worker, Miss Margaret Mackenzie gives much of her time to the general work, though her special concern is the nursery school.

World Day of Prayer, February 24th, 1950

Theme: Faith For Our Time

"SOME will pray for bread and some for clothing, and all will pray for the preservation of Peace and a deeper communion with God"—so prayed Chinese women in Kongmoon, China, in 1949, and so will pray Canadian women on February 24th.

The World Day of Prayer has been called "the greatest single unifying force among Christian women everywhere". Begun in 1887, by the efforts of the Home Mission Women of the Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A., it was joined in the early 90's by the Baptist Women's Foreign Missionary Societies. In 1920, Canadian women joined the movement, and the first Friday in Lent became the universal meeting day for the women of the World. Upwards of 81 different countries now take part in this "unifying force".

In our own far-flung Dominion, thousands of women will meet on February 24th to pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God in the world, and especially in their own homeland. Make a personal effort to have meetings held in new places—three or four who gather together for prayer still bring down the greatest spiritual blessing—and our desires may very well be expressed by the following prayer:

"O, Lord, Jesus Christ, who didst pray for thy disciples that they might be one even as thou art one with the Father; draw us to thyself, that, in common love and obedience to thee, we may be united to one another in the fellowship of the one spirit, that the world may believe that thou art Lord, to the Glory of God, the Father."

"O, God, our Shepherd, give to the church a new vision and a new charity, new wisdom and fresh understanding, the revival of her brightness, and the renewal of her unity; that the eternal message of thy Son, undefiled by the traditions of men, may be hailed as the good news of the new age; through Him who maketh all things new, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

—*Miss Bessie MacMurchy,* Treasurer, World Day of Prayer.

Preparing To Meet The Future

By (Mrs. L. W.) Mildred Gehman, Reg.N.

Acts 1: 8. *Ye shall be witnesses unto me unto the uttermost parts of the earth.*

YUNNAN is the south western province of China on the Burmese, Tibetan and Indo-China frontiers. Its only outlet at the moment is by plane to Hong Kong or Rangoon.

Our Yunnan mission with headquarters in Kunming has its branches in Kaiyuan, Kochiu, Mentgze, Kienshui and Shihping, all important cities on the South Yunnan railway. In April communists were within 15 miles of the railway for over two thirds of its length and our Yunnan Mission Committee with Dr. W. H. Clark as field secretary began forming plans for the continuance of our work under the incoming regime. It was learned through letters from friends in occupied areas that those churches doing something constructive in and for the community were most likely to survive.

The first step was to enquire of our Chinese co-workers as to whether they wished us (the foreign personnel) to remain or go, pointing out to them the fact that association with us might possibly jeopardize their own safety. The Reverend R. G. and Mrs. Coonradt in Kaiyuan were going home because of ill health so the only fields affected were Kunming and Kienshui. The Kunming Church Committee wished its foreign missionaries to stay but to live inside the city rather than on the church compound. Reverend Eldon and Mrs. Andrews were asked to remain and help maintain our Tien Nan Middle School seven miles west of Kunming. The general policy of most missions in South China was for women and children to leave and also any who were not in the best of health. It was felt best for a few rather than many to remain in each station as those remaining were more than likely to become dependent on Chinese friends for a livelihood and therefore a burden to them. Early in April we in Kienshui received a letter asking us to decide whether we would remain or not after asking the opinion of our Chinese co-workers. They wished us to stay and we wanted to stay. Later it was found furlough was advisable for me, but how could I leave? We were understaffed and working all hours and our dispenser was still ill. Early in May Miss Pu and Miss Loa, Christian graduates, who felt they wanted to work in a mission hospital came to us from Chungking. They are very attractive girls and we found them to be good nurses. Our students, now in their second year, were developing a spirit of loving service to patients they did not possess when they came to us and becoming more and more helpful in the hospital.

A free school for illiterate children was opened in our church compound with a Christian teacher in charge and Miss Pai, our Biblewoman, helping him in the mornings. Miss Pai is a very busy person. She received her education in Scottish Mission schools in Manchuria. She teaches in the church Sunday School in the morning and in the village schools held alternately outside the north and west gates on Sunday afternoons. Her week-day afternoons are spent visiting ward patients and church attendants.

Chinese Graduate Nurses and Mrs. Gehman (at right) and Miss Catherine MacKenzie (Australia)

Szu Chin Wai, twelve years old was wounded by bandits while herding cattle near Mien Tien, two stations away from Kienshui. He was brought to us by his widowed mother and was operated on several times in an attempt to save his leg but the bullet had interrupted the blood supply and finally there was nothing for it but amputation. He was so pale from hemorrhage and secondary hemorrhage we called him ''Pale Face''. His mother was the second person to give a blood transfusion in our hospital and she could not be persuaded to give her blood a second time. Very very seldom can anyone in this locality be prevailed upon to donate blood, even to next of kin. Szu Chin Wai was getting around on his crutches when our church school opened and he attended classes until his mother came to take him home. He wasn't as bright as Peg Legs but he too had learned to like some of our children's hymns and would carry something of the Gospel home with him.

I left Kienshui in June and stayed overnight at our mission compound in Mengtze. While I was having the evening meal with our pastors there I listened to the prayer service, conducted by the women themselves. It began with the singing of hymns and lasted two hours. One only had to hear them to know they knew the joy of fellowship with the Lord. Truly Pastor Hu has done great things for the Lord in this city which is the Yunnan terminus of the French Indo-China railway. He told me of visits to the jail and of preaching in the surrounding villages.

In Kaiyuan I was the guest of Pastor and Mrs. Wei. They too are making an effort to meet the future. Night classes were being conducted for illiterate children by volunteer teachers. There was a wonderful spirit of happy fellowship in that house. To quote a letter just received from Pastor Wei, he says "I think you will be glad to know our good works. Sunday morning we had Sunday School, nearly 100 children—church crowded for worship services. Every night we have meetings, singing, preaching, Young People's group and Bible classes. Last Sunday the Young People's Group had more than 50 attendants. I hope you gain your health soon and come back to help our church. We need medical work urgently."

Pale Face and Peg Legs in the hospital ward, Kienshui.

I stayed at the church compound in Kunming. Dr. and Mrs. Clark were leaving for the Philippines and possibly home and Pastor Sun was taking over his new duties as field secretary of the Yunnan Mission. A Christian teacher was doing good work in the free school, opened a year ago on the church compound by our Kunming Church for the poor children of the nearby village. Quite a number of these children now attend our church Sunday School in Kunming. A free clinic was opened before I left Kunming, on the church compound for the poor of the district. Mrs. Frank Ling, M.D. and Dr. P. M. Chung were giving of their time. Mrs. Chung and another church member had offered their nursing services.

Our Yunnan Mission owes much to Mr. Frank Ling, chairman of our Yunnan Mission Committee and director of Yunnan railways. Though a very busy man he gave unstintingly of his services to the Church. A phone call or a letter from him to station masters made easier many a trip for our mission personnel. Mrs. Ling graduated from medical college in 1946 after raising a family of six and is now a valued worker in our Kunming Church.

Will the church live? With such devoted leaders in our field it can not but live. Christ said, ''I am the vine ye are the branches''. Let us pray for these branches in Kunming, Kaiyuan, Mengtze, Kochiu, Kienshui and Shihping that they may continue to spread and reach out to the hundreds of thousands on the fringes of our Yunnan work who have never heard the name of Jesus.

Princess Elizabeth recently issued a call for the re-establishment of a wise and well-balanced code of right and wrong. Her Royal Highness spoke at a meeting of the Mothers' Union, a Church of England organization, at which Mrs. Fisher, the wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury, presided. The Princess deplored Britain's high divorce rate and declining morals. We can hardly help admitting, she said, that we live in an age of growing self-indulgence, of hardening materialism, and of falling moral standards. I would go so far as to say that some of the very principles on which the family and therefore the health of the nation is founded are in danger. One of your first objects, the Princess reminded the Mothers' Union, is to uphold the sanctity of marriage. She urged the mothers also to give their children sound Christian teaching. The Princess declared that it is wrong to be too tolerant in the matter of morals. I am sure it is just as wrong, she said, to err on that side as it is to be intolerant and over-critical.—*World Church News.*

Deep sympathy with all Christian brethren in Greece in their prolonged and cruel sufferings was expressed by the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. The abduction of thirty thousand Greek children was reported by Profesor Alivisatos of Athens. He said that another thirty thousand homeless children are being cared for in colonies under the direction of the Queen of Greece. The Greek Orthodox Church will continue its membership in the World Council of Churches, Professor Alivisatos reported. He read a statement to this effect on behalf of the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece.—*World Church News.*

Landour Community Hospital

By Miss Lily Simpson, Reg.N.

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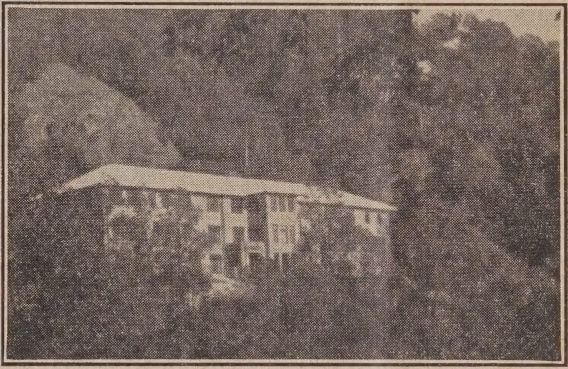
MY last term in India was spent in doing hospital work in the summer months and district Medical evangelistic work in the winter time.

As I have written about the district work from time to time, I will tell you now about my work in Landour.

Landour is situated in the Himalaya Mountains in North India. When new missionaries go to India their first duty is to learn the language of the people among whom they are to work and so they have Pandits (teachers) as soon as they arrive until the summer time when they must go to Language School. This Language School is in Landour. There are between two and three hundred language students registered in the school every year. The school session is from the first of May until the middle of September. Examinations follow so that the students are usually in Landour until the first or second week in October. There is also a school for the children of missionaries in Landour, the children coming from all over North and Central India. The parents of these children spend their summer vacation in Landour and many of the mothers stay up with their children until school closes. As Landour is a Hill station many other missionaries go there for the summer vacation to get away from the heat of the Plains, and especially, in the last years when Kashmir has been closed to visitors.

The hospital not only serves the missionary and school community but also the Indian community, Indian patients come to the hospital from long distances. Many of the Indian patients are accident cases injured by falling down the mountainside or being mauled by some wild animal a bear or a wild boar. Several cases were admitted with second and third degree burns. Almost every year there are many cases of typhoid and pneumonia and last year we had a very serious polio case. This was a missionary's child. Polio is not as common in India as it is in Canada. Quite a little surgery is done in the hospital. One patient came to us this year suffering from obstruction, he had been in the civil hospital but there was no one there who would risk operating and so the relatives insisted on bringing him to the community hospital. After the delay of two or three days there seemed very slight hope for him but one of the missionary doctors, who was a surgeon, kindly consented to come and do the operation. The man was found to be in a very poor condition but in answer to prayer the operation was successful and after a few days the patient began to show signs of improvement and eventually he got well. He never ceased to be grateful for what was done for him in the hospital.

In this hospital I found many opportunities for witnessing to our Indian patients and I found them very responsive and not only were they happy to have us tell them of Jesus and His love but they would request prayer for themselves. If there happened to be visitors in the ward at the time they too listened very attentively and reverently.

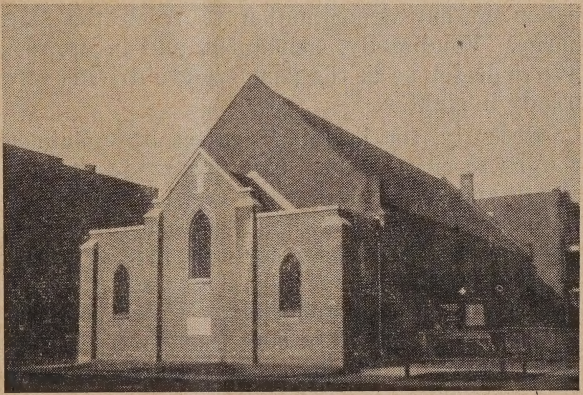

Landour Community Hospital

The need for the Landour Community hospital grew from a very natural need. There was a hospital in Mussoorie the town just below Landour but it was not at all convenient nor was it large enough to fill the need of the missionary population of Landour and so in 1936 a group of the missionaries got together to talk over the situation and the result of that meeting was the beginning of the Landour Community Hospital. A large house on the hillside was rented and the hospital established. As time went on it was realized that this building was not adequate and so plans were made to build a new hospital. This was all accomplished through the donations of individuals. It was a very happy occasion when the new building was finished and the hospital opened. That was in 1939. Since then a third floor has been added. Now it is a fifty-bed hospital serving the missionaries and the Woodstock school children. This hospital is not supported by any one mission but as its name suggests is a Community hospital, supported by fees from the patients, donations and affiliation fees. It is governed by a Hospital Board, the members of this Board being missionaries from the different missions who are in Landour for the summer months, the Woodstock school principal and doctor. The Nursing Superintendent is also a member of the Hospital Board. Miss Isabelle Hunter, a graduate of our Missionary and Deaconess Training School, is the business manager of this hospital.

The greatest difficulty or perhaps I should say one of the greatest difficulties is in securing the nursing staff, especially a suitable Nursing Superintendent. The Hospital Board was very grateful to our Women's Missionary Society for allowing me to serve there on the staff as Nursing Superintendent for a few months each summer during the last three years and then again for the period of one year from June 1st, 1948 to May 31st, 1949.

The Oldest Continuing Italian Protestant Mission in North America

BY REVEREND MARIANO DI GANGI



Beckwith Memorial Church, Montreal.

THIS year, the Italian Presbyterian Mission in the city of Montreal celebrates its 75th anniversary. It is the oldest continuing Italian Protestant mission in all of North America.

Instrumental in the origin of the mission work were the famed Father Chiniquy and one of his converts, Reverend A. Internoscia, himself an ex-priest. The latter assumed the pastorate of the little group of Italian evangelicals in 1874 and used the church of the French Presbyterians for services. After a ministry of twenty years, he gave way in 1894 to a young man who studied at Point-aux-Trembles Institute and at the Presbyterian College in Montreal, the Reverend Valentino di Genova. He died after serving for eight years, and his devotion to the cause of Christ is remembered to this very day by some of the older members of the congregation. In 1912, after the ministry of Reverend G. B. Castellini (1902-1908) and Reverend

Ernest Rivoire (1908-1912), came the Reverend R. de Pierro. He ministered with great fidelity till his death in 1945. Under his leadership, the congregation grew in number and strength. A building for the Italian work was erected in 1940 and named in memory of General Beckwith, who though an Anglican yet devoted his years of retirement to the Italian Protestants who have persevered in the valleys and hills of northern Italy for almost seven centuries—the Waldenses. Since January of 1946, the minister of the Italian Mission (comprising the Beckwith Memorial congregation and the Mission in Ville Emard, a suburb of Montreal) has been the Reverend Mariano Di Gangi. The communicant membership now stands at 275. It will likely reach $5,000 for its givings this year.

As in the past, the Italian Mission depends upon the generosity of fellow-Presbyterians for financial support. But unlike the Italian congregations of former days, the present members contribute 85% of all the funds needed for congregational purposes and missionary enterprises. By 1950, we expect to become the first non-anglo-saxon mission in our denomination to reach the status of an augmented charge. Voluntarily, constantly, and in appreciation of what others have done for us in the past, we are driving onward to a goal that is already in sight.

Recently, the building project begun almost ten years ago was brought to completion. This was made possible by a loan from the Church and Manse Extension Fund and by a gift from the Women's Missionary Society, (W.D.). Classes continue to be held in the English language by the minister for over fifty adults who are mostly recent immigrants from Italy and all at least nominally Roman Catholics. An Italian edition of the Shorter Catechism, translated by the pastor and made possible by a contribution from the Women's Missionary Society, (W.D.), will be published soon. This is a step in the right direction. There is a great need for evangelical literature in Italian, but there are hardly any funds available at present for printing it. Most recent of all, and perhaps of greatest interest to the readers of *The Glad Tidings,* an Evening Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society was formed in our congregation last November. We have long had a Ladies' Aid, but now we are proud to have this organization of twenty young women to participate in the missionary ventures of the Church we call our own.

We earnestly desire the prayerful remembrance of other Presbyterians, that we may continue to proclaim that Gospel of divine grace which is in the fullest sense, the glad tidings of God.

NEWS UP TO THE MOMENT

Miss Marjorie MacKay has been appointed to work for six months in new housing areas in Lethbridge. During this period Miss MacKay will occasionally visit some of her groups in the Kootenay area.

Miss Marguerite Quickfall began work on January 1st on the Newton-White Rock field in British Columbia. She will be there for three months.

From India has come word that Miss Sherrick and Miss Leask arrived safely in Bombay. Misses Kennedy, Scott, Nichol and MacMurchy spent Christmas together at Jobat.

From Miss Magee has come word that Miss Kennedy's classes in art and crafts at the Helen Macdonald School have been very successful. She was there twelve days and to quote ''has given all kinds of inspiration and practical help''.

Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., has been appointed Principal of the Helen Macdonald Memorial School, Jhansi. This leaves Miss Edith Magee, B.A., former Principal, free to concentrate on teacher training.

Miss Margaret Leask, who is beginning her work at the Helen Macdonald School, writes that she is getting settled and finding life in India interesting. She was able to purchase a bicycle and expects to have good use for it in her work in the neighbourhood around Jhansi. Miss Leask went to Jhansi by way of the Bhil Field and says that she was quite impressed with the difference between our two fields in India. She found their manner of living, their customs and the people quite different.

During the Christmas holidays over two hundred Canadian university students met in two conferences sponsored by the Student Christian Movement. In Montreal students from central Canada and the Maritimes met to consider "The Christian Faith and an Industrial Culture". At St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon, students from Western Canada met with Professor John Grant of Union College, Vancouver, as theme speaker on "The Biblical Meaning of History".

"A Vital Contribution"

Miss Edith Magee describes the value of bursaries to Indian students.

THERE has been a matter on my mind quite a bit the past few weeks. Somehow I think we ought to try to get it over to those who have made possible the bursaries, what a tremendous thing it is in the context of the backwardness of women's education in India. It was while glancing over a table of statistics that it struck me that we might be able to make the situation more real to those at home by giving figures. This table was showing the number of illiterates and the number of students in the various divisions of India, with the idea that those who were in schools were to be the means of removing the great block of illiteracy. Now it may seem a fairly unexciting matter that six of the eighteen girls in training at Jubbulpore (High grade teachers' training) are our graduates. But when one notes that in all the Central Provinces from twenty million of a population, in "all types of colleges" the total of girl students is only sixty-four (as compared with 4,003 men); and that of these six are there because of our School—then does it not begin to appear a very big thing that even two of these, Lajwanti and Viola, are there only because of the training bursaries sent from Canada. These girls, and the others who are having this kind of opportunity, are in the beginning of the pioneer days; if they pioneer with Christ—as I am confident they will—we can hardly place limits on what may be accomplished through their lives given in service.

Excerpts From A Letter From Formosa

FROM MRS. HUGH MACMILLAN TO MISS PELTON

Mrs. Hugh MacMillan.

. . . There was great rejoicing this week when home mail came in for everyone for the first time in about six weeks (since both airways defected to the Communists). We breathed easy too for our drafts for November and December came assuring us of our daily bread for at least another couple of months. . . .

It certainly was a great lift for us to have the De Groot's arrive. They are a great couple and we have a lot in common. . . . They are both getting on well at Formosan and there is no doubt at all about their getting it well. I am surprised how well they are getting the tones. In six months they will have a good smattering and can get around by themselves. . . .

There has been no slackening in the hospital work since the summer. Every bed is filled and we all work like beavers. Dr. Dale is an excellent doctor and a very fine Christian. He had his 25th birthday since he came here but he has wisdom and knowledge beyond his years. He is keen to get the hospital in the best condition possible and to give the best treatment of any hospital in the Island. . . . Dr. Dale wanted better nursing care, that is more nurses, and we were able to persuade our board to increase our staff of nurses. We now have 39, 9 of whom are probationers. Dr. Dale was made chief of staff and the doctors give him the best co-operation. . . . We were so fortunate to get Dr. Fotland, a Norwegian missionary. He is a surgeon and an eye, nose and throat specialist. He has had eleven years experience in China and speaks Mandarin fluently. He married when he was home six months ago. His wife was a former Y.W.C.A. secretary and had been at Oslo Youth Conference.

It is surprising how calmly the people here accept the political situation. New businesses open, large blocks of apartments are still being built, plans for expansion of agriculture, mining, etc. are being drawn up. . . . The cost of living is going up, taxes are getting heavier but there is still employment for all. Trade opening up with Japan has helped and many traders are going back and forth. Japanese goods are appearing on the market. . . .

A Letter from Miss Bhalerao to Miss Pelton

Miss Bhalerao on the right.

MISS BHALERO is completing a university degree at St. John's College, Agra.

In July of this year I joined this college. My university examination will be at the end of March. I am getting on fairly fine. I like my studies and the college. I have taken English Literature, History, and Philosophy as subjects for my examination.

The strength of our college is 900. Very large majority of students are non-Christian, and women students are about one hundred. Our principal is Indian Christian, and has been elected the Vice-Chancellor of Agra University just recently. So we are all very happy about it.

I have been to Jhansi for a short visit in October. It was nice to meet the old friends. Many times my thoughts fly to Jhansi, and sometimes I am unable to rein them, when they are full of some plans for the school.

Remember a new quarter begins in March.

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English and Canadian Mission Councils in Formosa Hold a Joint Conference

THERE are two Christian Churches now active in Formosa, they are the Church in the south supported by the English Presbyterian Church and the Church in the north, by The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Councils of the two Missions met recently to discuss their common interests and problems and to share in fellowship together. Some very interesting information was reported at the Conference and we share the information about our work there with you, quoting from the minutes of the Conference.

''Reports on Theological Colleges. In the North over forty students had applied for entrance. Nine were graduates of higher Middle school. There were several applicants for the special course. Due to the pressing need for more preachers in the field, this special course had been arranged as an emergency measure, a three-year course, with no languages, just theology, for those who wished to become preachers and evangelists, not pastors. . . . There are six girls in the College this year.''

''Women's work. Miss Douglas reported that the North have two Formosan Biblewomen at work, one aboriginal woman, and one part-time.''

''Conferences. A Young People's Conference was held in Tainan the last of July and first of August. It was a Leaders' Conference, and about 150 were present. Young People's Conferences were also held in each Presbytery in the North. A students' Conference was held in Tainan the last of August. Nine colleges or departments in the university were represented.''

''Aborigines. Reverend Heber MacIlwaine reported that there are 64 students in the Industrial School and Bible School. Re finances, he reported that it costs about $5.00 a month for each student for food. Other expenses are teachers' salaries, fuel, electricity, rent for buildings, etc. The Bible School has two full-time instructors, who are pastors, and three part-time teachers. There are thirty-two aboriginal groups in the Hwalien district, who meet regularly for worship. Many of them have ordained elders. All are wholly self-supporting groups. We have two aboriginal workers and one Formosan worker doing full-time evangelistic work in this district. These three are paid by the Mission. The aboriginal leaders, graduates of the Bible School, receive $5.00 a month from their congregations, and do half-time work, spending the other half cultivating their fields. These groups have a "tithe Sunday" once every three months and bring in their tithes and pay the pastor for the next three months."

"Report on Medical Work. Five student nurses graduated on September 27th, 1949. They are called practical nurses, and were all taken on the staff. Eight new probationers were taken on. It is the desire of the hospital to start a Training School for nurses. . . . Dr. Dale and Dr. Fotland have been taken on the staff. Dr. Dale is paid by the Mission, but Dr. Fotland is paid by his own board. There is still great need for more religious work to be done in the hospital. There are two Formosan Biblewomen there, but no pastor to carry on the evangelistic work."

"Girls' School. North. There are more Mandarin-speaking students than before, which makes two languages necessary. There are 29 teachers, and 21 of these are Christians. The school has three distinct departments—Music, Art and Domestic Science, which makes a larger staff of teachers necessary."

Miss Margaret Webster, B.A.,
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"He Who Planteth the Ear, Shall He Not Hear?"

Reflection from World Day of Prayer, 1949

Mrs. R. H. Soward

EACH year a member of the Women's Inter-Church Council is asked to write an article on the World Day of Prayer so that in the reflection of the letters and messages which the Council has received we may express once more our gratitude to God for His blessings, and then thoughtfully prepare for the coming year, 1950, when the observance will be held on the first Friday in Lent, February 24th.

This year (1949), I had the unique experience of going alone to the service in the old city of Hamilton on the enchanted island of Bermuda. It was held in St. Andrew's Church, a small but charming pink coral building with a glistening snow white roof where for more than a hundred years the Presbyterians of the island have worshipped. Outside tall palm trees shook their leafy heads against a clear blue sky, and inside on the Communion Table a bowl of marigolds and ageratum, flowers which I had always associated with fall, scattered their sunshine through the church. It was an impressive and inspiring service. Each speaker could be clearly heard and the soft mellow voices of the coloured women scattered through the congregation lent a special warmth and reverence to the prayers. The prayer for tolerance, which came from China far away, was read by Mrs. Rachel Tod, one of God's dark skinned children, and the words ''deliver us from intolerance and prejudice and replace them with understanding'' sounded peculiarly moving and poignant from her lips.

The speaker, with her brown hair curling out from beneath her Salvation Army bonnet, spoke simply and sincerely from the age-old question asked by the psalmist, ''He who planteth the Ear, shall He not Hear?'' The psalmist long ago replied, ''The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man,'' and we on that quiet afternoon joined with the Christian women of the world in our affirmation that ''The Lord of life hears all.'' I was far from home, surrounded by strangers, and yet I felt as never before the fellowship of the day.

I have been made aware that in this country each year the observance of this day makes its way into an ever-widening circle of communities. This spring, for the first time, services were held at Lucky Lake and Portreeve, Saskatchewan; at Jarvis, Ontario; at Didsbury, Alberta, and Musgravetown, Newfoundland. A letter from the manse in Smooth Rock Falls, Ontario, speaks enthusiastically of their first meeting, ''The observance was really a first venture in our little papertown. I can assure you, however, that the day will not be overlooked next year. Twenty-three were present. There was an unusually worshipful atmosphere and breathless attention throughout.'' This was the second observance at Gander Airport, Newfoundland, a settlement brought into being by the exigencies of war, and which now stands at a cross road of the world, where Dutch and French and Scandinavian settlers are seen and a World Day of Prayer seems especially significant.

Each year there is woven into the pattern of the day developments and innovations which strengthen the fabric and intensify the beauty of the design. I think, however, that the most outstanding developments of the year took place in the cities of Ottawa and London. The committee in Ottawa, taking cognizance of the many hundreds of women who work on Parliament Hill, approached the government to grant an additional half-hour to all women civil servants who desired to attend the noon-day prayer service. The result was most encouraging as there were more than two thousand present; all standing room being utilized and many turned away. In London the committee, realizing that in the Christian family the work of women and children has always been closely identified, approached the school boards and won their consent and co-operation to arrange prayer services in both the secondary and primary schools. The service for girls was adapted for use in the secondary schools, and a special service written about the theme of ''The Lord's Prayer'' for the smaller children.

In reviewing this service in our own land, we must also remember that it stretches out into eighty-one countries of the world; that on that day the women of this continent, who, through no merit of their own, have been privileged to walk but on the fringes of suffering, join with their Christian sisters who, in other parts of the earth, have suffered so grievously. In Japan this year an increase in the paper supply meant that the programme could be more widely printed and distributed. In Kongmoon, China, eighty women of the small Christian community met in the hospital chapel to pray for peace which, for many of them, was only a memory and a hope.

At the close of the service we sang ''The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended.'' Let us remember that ever a new day dawns, and now turn our thoughts to the coming year when on the first Friday in Lent the Christian women of the world will once more, in a sisterhood of hope and sympathy, bow in prayer to thank God that His Son paused in the busy days of His ministry to speak to the Samaritan woman, to commend the widow's mite, to accept the loving gift of the Magdalene and to tarry in the home of Martha and Mary.

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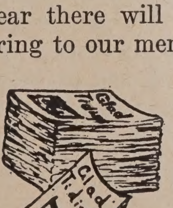
GLAD TIDINGS

AT the first of the year we are well on the way to fulfilling our aim for 1950 — 25,000 subscribers to celebrate 25 years of service to the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). This year there will be even more "glad tidings" to bring to our members, tidings of more and greater accomplishments in the world of missions. Has every lady, every teen-age and children's group leader, every teen-age girl in our mission groups in your community, the chance to read *The Glad Tidings?* Make certain that no one is left out in the great march of Christian advance being made everywhere in the field of missions. Presbyterian women can best join the throng by first subscribing to *Glad Tidings.* Tell your friends to subscribe *now* that they may receive all 11 issues of the magazine.



Canned Goods

This article appeared 20 years ago in *The Glad Tidings.* It contains many grains of truth in 1950.

WHEN the good housewives bring their fresh vegetables from their gardens, do they place them on the table in their raw state, with no attempt to render them digestible and palatable? In the winter do they open a can of corn right at the table and turn it into a dish, with no attempt to dress it or serve it attractively, letting each person season it for himself?

Perhaps one could eat lettuce without dressing and without the pretty slices of cold egg or little crimson touches of pimento; perhaps real hunger has driven some people to eat their beans raw; some people have even been known to eat raw potatoes under compulsion. There are families who always cook their potatoes in salt water to save time—never are they mashed or scalloped or French fried. But such a way of serving food does not attract people nor compel those without appetites to partake for their good.

You might open canned things right before your picnic guests, and let them make the best of the contents of the cans without combining, adorning or toning them down; but if you invite guests to your home for dinner, they have a right to expect you to open your cans in the kitchen out of their sight, and take time and thought and originality to prepare the food in a palatable and attractive way and serve it to them so that they will be tempted to eat with enjoyment.

What has all this to do with missions? Much in many ways. Have you not many times received in the fall of the year a little programme of your Missionary Society that invited you to the meetings? And you went expecting to learn something and have a pleasant evening, and have you not found that those who were serving the information just opened the can and took out the contents right there in your sight, and served it up to you unspiced and unseasoned, and expected you to like it?

Do I need to say that I am referring to the reading verbatim from our text-book, with no pretext at all of adding variety or showing some originality in presenting the information so carefully canned and preserved in fine condition for us?

For what we find in the cans is good; it is fine, accurate, up-to-date information as to conditions in heathen lands; we have no fault at all to find with the cans or with their contents,—we could not get along without them. But, dear women of the Auxiliaries, we expect too much of these cans,—we expect them to do for us all the preparing we just will not do for ourselves. It is as if in the winter you were to open a can of pumpkin and look into it, expecting to find a nice pie, with flaky crust and frosting all over it; you feel that you have not time or inclination to make a pie, but you just sort of feel that the can should contain the finished product and so you place the pumpkin sauce before the family and feel grieved when they do not accept it as a pie.

How often have we gone to a missionary meeting lately with an air of expectancy? We used to do that, perhaps, but we have been disappointed so often, as we found every one on the programme reading exactly what is in the text-book, with not even an attempt to put a tiny bit of her personality into the deed.

So we invite our women to a really serious consideration of recipes for the preparation of missionary programmes; we urge that you make such delightful concoctions as will aid the digestion of facts and statistics, stir the sluggish appetite for missions, and entice the uninterested to taste and see that missionary information is not a sleep producer, but a food that stimulates to energy, action, and opening of purses.—*Philadelphia Branch Message.*

Dates of Synodical Annual Meetings

Montreal and Ottawa in Brockville, April 18, 19 and 20.
Toronto and Kingston in Belleville, April 25, 26 and 27.
Hamilton and London in Brantford, April 18, 19 and 20.
Manitoba in Fort William, March 28, 29 and 30.

The Quiet Hour

When the first faint rays of dawn creep o'er the earth,
And kindly sleep steals silently away,
Comes a time of sweet communion with my Lord,
Of preparation for the coming day.

No weariness to crowd my thoughts of Him,
No stress or strain to curb the Spirit's power,
No doubt or fear to mar the quiet joy —
This is my life's most precious, holy hour.

I talk with Him and listen to His voice —
The cares of life are very far away;
I rest in Him and gather strength and help —
And then I rise to meet the coming day.

—May C. Smith.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

JAPAN BEGINS AGAIN is a book which will help greatly in our understanding of Japan and one which should be available for members of auxiliaries to read. At the beginnings of the chapters are little stories or incidents written by various authors which not only are interesting but will provide illustrations for telling.

William C. Kerr, the author of the book, served in Korea as a missionary of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Under the Japanese Presbyterian Church he worked among the Japanese in Korea doing liaison work between Koreans and Japanese and now in Japan he does the same service between the American Occupational Force and the Japanese while keeping closely in touch with the Christian movement in Japan. In the foreword to his book Mr. Kerr says, "The author is happy to have this opportunity of sharing with others his observations of, and his hope for, the Japanese church and the Japanese people. He is firmly convinced that they have a large and important role to play in the years that lie ahead. If this attempt at frank analysis of life in the island kingdom help to cement relations between Japan and the West, he will be well content. The book is sent forth with that hope."

Mr. Kerr gives to his readers a brief but clear picture of the political, psychological and religious situation in Japan, showing how the people have been living and thinking and the place Christian faith has in modern Japan. He points out the evidences of new interest in Christianity and the opportunity now offered to the Church and makes reference to the work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada among the Koreans in Japan. Stressing the significance of the Christian work being done in Japan to-day Mr. Kerr concludes with the words, "Japan well knows the meaning of unconditional surrender in the military sense, but too little of the meaning of unconditional commitment to Christ. She is now occupied by foreign powers. If she could be occupied to the center of her being by the Spirit of Christ, there would be real implementation to the words: ALL JAPAN FOR CHRIST."

NOTE:—A new booklet of special interest A TORCH IN JAPAN—tells the story of Michi Kawai, author of the 1950 World Day of Prayer Programme—price 25c.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

What Measure Will Your Auxiliary Carry up to the Fountain Head?

ARE our Auxiliaries keeping faith with the Founders of our Women's Missionary Society as expressed in its Constitution which reads:

> "Its aim and object shall be to unite the women and children of the Church in prayer and service for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ."

Our organization was born in prayer which must ever be our largest contribution to the accomplishment of our aim—"The World for Christ". This can actually be realized only by cultivating that close communion with our Master, Who will give us the vision of the world and its need, as He sees it.

We meet each month not merely to learn of the needs of our various mission fields and discuss ways and means of meeting those needs, but to face the missionary problems of the day in the greater and more effective way of *Intercession.*

Upon the President of each Auxiliary must ever rest the responsibility of being careful that prayer occupies a large part in every meeting. A few moments silent prayer at the very beginning will give spiritual tone to the united gathering and create an atmosphere in which the devotional life will find free expression in audible prayers even though they be mere sentences breathed from faltering lips. One of God's most astounding promises is: "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask it shall be done for them of my father which is in heaven." This is God's challenge to His professed followers. Shall we take Him at His Word?

The Auxiliary that lightly regards this essential will not only fail as a factor in world evangelism but will lose its hold on its own members and its spiritual force in the congregation's life.

Let us recall an ancient story:

> "There was once a great spring. The people as they went took up vessels. Some carried tiny cups and others great barrels and all came away with their measures filled. Only the size of the measure taken up limited the outpouring of the great spring."

In facing the work of this wonderful New Year of opportunities for service what measures are we going to take up with us to the great Fountain Head of all Supply?

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

VERY recently I received a most interesting letter from Mrs. T. C. Ross, matron of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School. It told of the use made of the bales from the Supply Department. I wish I had the space at my disposal to print it all, but I shall use portions of it. To quote from the letter:

"You may like to hear just what happens when your bales arrive here. They are stored until an unpacking day is arranged. On that day the contents are sorted out under these headings: clothes suitable for school children; clothes for the reserves; baby clothes; quilts and blankets."

"We can use as many knitted things as you care to send us. Gloves, mitts, scarves, sweaters, toques, etc., are all most welcome when the cold weather comes."

"Often girls who have been pupils of the school and the mothers of present pupils come asking for baby clothes. It would give you a thrill to see some of the dear little papooses that are brought around. Many of the younger women keep their babies beautifully clean. That, I think is one of the ways in which the progress that has been made through the years, shows up."

"Early in December the staff will get together to sort out and wrap up the Christmas presents for the children. There will be a very large decorated tree in the chapel, and of course, Santa Claus. I can remember vividly how touched we were last year, by the wonderful generosity of all of you who sent so many presents to the children here. Last Christmas each child had two or three things in his parcel."

The above quotations would apply as well to the Birtle Indian School where there are about 150 children who are our responsibility too.

This part of the work of the Supply Department commends itself to all branches of our Society. But I felt that the young women would be especially interested. We would not forget that beside these material supplies we used a great deal of money to clothe about 250 Indian children in all. The bales supply only a very small part. Tunics, blouses, denim overalls for the boys, shirts, underwear, shoes, coats, pyjamas, nightdresses, all must be purchased. Many of these things are made in the sewing-rooms of the school and this means a great saving. Each month your Supply Department has bills for clothing come in and these must be met, for the clothing of these children is our responsibility. The Young Women's Department bears its share of this responsibility by raising the amount allocated to it for supply work.

Much could be said too, about supplies for our Chinese Kindergartens, nursery schools, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, summer camps, St. Margaret's Girls' Centre. These all form part of the work of this department.

This message, will I trust, give you a clearer picture of our supply work and of its importance. As young women you can do much to assist.

(*Mrs. D. F.*) *Norma C. Hazell,*
Supply Secretary.

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

IT has never been the policy of the Women's Missionary Society to stress the financial side of our work, to the junior organizations of the Society. We have considered the bringing of information about our work at home and abroad to the groups, the sum of their missionary education. We have not expected our younger members to help except in a small way, to finance this work. Now we wonder if we have been remiss in depriving our young people of their full share of responsibility. Certainly it is true that teen-agers to-day have money to spend. Girls and boys alike earn their spending money in various spare time duties and most of our young people know very definitely the things they want their earnings to buy. This being so, do you not think that we should continue their missionary education still further and teach them that a certain portion of all money earned should be put aside for God's work in the local congregation and the wider work of the Church. The tragedy within our Church to-day is that too few people have been taught how to give in proportion to what they have received. We are told that a tenth *belongs* to the Lord but one realizes that if a tenth were *given,* His work would extend over all the earth and no person need be deprived of the Gospel message. Would it not be a good thing then, to start to train our young people for the tremendous responsibilities that lie ahead in this work of sending the missionary message to the four corners of the world?

This is a time to start. Our Women's Missionary Society has pledged itself to raise $200,000 for this wonderful work. This is $20,000 more than last year. It will take the combined efforts of every member and organization, if we are going to reach this goal and yet how easy it will be if we all try harder and each give a little more. A wonderful opportunity has been given to us to extend our work and care for our workers and it is our hope that every member will have a share in this advance.

May we remind you, the group leader, to tell your girls at each meeting, some interesting fact about our work. Read your *Glad Tidings* thoroughly that you may know our missionaries by name, and know the work each one is doing and the place in which each one is situated. From this information, you can bring your group items of interest and stories about *their* missionaries. Help your girls to realize that they have a definite part to play in this work. Help them to understand that here is a responsibility for them too and that the amount they give to the support of the work is of the greatest importance. Let us help our girls to have a share in the glorious opportunity which is ours in the field of missions to-day.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, *Secretary*

Worship with our Children

IN the booklet *Mission Band Leader* we are told that the Mission Band programme has four parts—worship, fellowship, study, service. Let us consider worship.

Our children realize, we hope, that God is with us always; He is present at our meetings even though we cannot see Him. But there are special times when we put aside whatever we are doing so that we may listen to God, think about Him and speak to Him. These special times, which we call worship, may become the happiest experiences of children and teachers within their Mission Band or Explorer Group. Conscious of the presence of God restlessness will cease, disorder vanish, interest increase, and a growing awareness of the Father's presence and love will come to all.

What can the leader do to make the service of worship a vital experience for the children?

a. *Use soft music* to help create an atmosphere before the service actually commences. It will be necessary to train the children to know that the music is a call to quietness. It will take some time to do this. Use the best music. Tell about the Italian, German or Russian composer who gave us the beautiful music.

b. *Choose hymns* which tell of the majesty, love, and power of God; the greatness of His mercy; hymns which tell about Jesus and the joy of knowing and serving Him; hymns of thanksgiving and praise. Explain and discuss the words and meaning of the hymn before learning it. A new hymn should be learned before it is used in worship. Let us never overlook the place praise should have in our worship.

c. *Vary the ways that passages of Scriptures are used.*

1. Phrases may be set to music, learned and sung by a few children or used as responses in a service of praise, confession or thanksgiving. Or the responses may be repeated instead of being set to music and sung.

2. *Have a speaking chair.* Arrange children in groups according to quality of speaking voice, and teach them to repeat a psalm, such as Psalm 100 in unison or in parts.

The preparation necessary for the above methods will create interest and understanding.

3. Use a picture to illustrate a Bible verse or story.

d. *Have prayers* definite and brief. Ready made prayers have a place if the words are such as the children can make their own.

2. There will be occasional times of keen discussion and interest, or some special incident, when the alert understanding leader would say "We might talk to God about that, He knows how to help better than we do".

3. Other times the leader could ask certain children to thank God, or make a petition in their own words. As they are apt to fall into the habit of saying the same words each time, it is wise to do this only occasionally, when there seems to be a worshipful atmosphere.

4. *For a special occasion* the older children could help to plan the service of worship. Begin by putting several themes before them. Then the theme chosen, all will search for suitable material. Suggestions of music, hymns, Scripture, pictures and poetry will be brought. Appoint a committee to make a selection from these and then practise the hymns and memorize the Scripture passages and poetry. A religious motive may be given to this practice by showing the children that we honour God by doing our parts as well as possible.

5. *Have place of meeting* as comfortable and attractive as possible.

6. A centre for worship helps to give atmosphere. (If interested in making such a centre write to the Literature Department, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ont. for leaflet giving suggestions, pictures and instructions. They are free.)

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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KAMLOOPS-Okanagan Presbyterial—Armstrong Auxiliary had as guest speaker Mrs. H. Whitaker who was a delegate to the Council Meeting in Calgary. She gave an interesting and informative report which helped the members to understand the work being done by the Society as a whole.

Victoria Presbyterial—The members of the Evening Guild of Knox Church, Sooke, had as guest speaker, Miss Lily Simpson, who gave a much appreciated address, supplemented with pictures. The modelling of a sari proved most attractive. Members of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Auxiliary were all interested guests.

Westminster Presbyterial—The Auxiliary of Dunn Memorial Church, Mount Lehman, held a successful meeting at the home of Mrs. Pope, where eighteen members gathered to hear Miss Grace Mackay, regional secretary, give an interesting talk on her work in the province.

The Auxiliary of St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's, New Westminster, held two very encouraging and helpful Thank-offering meetings in 1949. Reverend Spencer Baynes addressed one meeting on "Bible Prophecies" and Mrs. Malcolm Ransom addressed the second. She spoke about the women and children of Yunnan, South China, showing clothing worn by Chinese children for all occasions. It is with interest that this group looks forward to seeing lantern slides of her work in the near future. Other meetings were taken by various members of the group on the study *Enter China.* The study is both beneficial and interesting.

A unique service was held at the annual meeting of Mount Pleasant Auxiliary, Vancouver, when the ministers and laymen of the Presbytery of Westminster attended part of the session in a body. The occasion was the surprise presentation of Life Memberships in the Women's Missionary Society to two members of Presbytery Rev. D. A. Smith and Rev. F. G. St. Denis. In the early part of the meeting the annual reports received from departmental secretaries showed splendid work done and the account presented by Mrs. R. Bryce, the secretary, recorded good attendance and much time and thought spent in the preparation of Bible and mission studies at each meeting. Commenting on the reports, Mrs. Earle Fox, president, repeated the promise, "The Lord our God is upon all them for good that seek Him." The president extended a welcome to the Helping Hand Circle and to three missionaries from overseas, Reverend John Elder of British Guiana, Mrs. Malcolm Ransom of China and Miss Lily Simpson of India.

A Presbyterial Children's Rally was held in Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver, attended by 105 children and 20 adults. Games were enjoyed by the children. After lunch a programme was given by different groups. Master Alexander Esler was guest soloist. The guest speaker was Miss Lily Simpson.

St. Aidan's Auxiliary, New Westminster, held a very successful Thank-offering meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. W. Magee, at which there was a good representation of Home Helpers and friends to hear the guest speaker, Mrs. R. S. Stevens, who gave a splendid account of the proceedings at the Council Meeting held in Calgary.

At the fall Thank-offering meeting of Fairview Senior Auxiliary, Vancouver, the guest speaker, Miss Lily Simpson of Jhansi, India, told something of the tragic happenings during the two years prior to India's independence. She also gave a graphic account of the work done by the missionary hospital camps around Landour where she ministered to the bodies and souls of Hindoo and Sikhs. Miss Simpson stressed the fact that missionaries may not always be allowed to work in India, so the great task is to train native workers now to carry on Christian work. Native costumes were shown.

St. Stephen's Auxiliary, North Vancouver, held their Thank-offering meeting in the church, when members and representatives of all branches of Church work gathered to hear Miss Lily Simpson, Reg.N., speak of India and the prospect of Christian work there. In clear, vivid word pictures, she told of the political situation which has been world news recently, then gave a most interesting and intelligent analysis of the hospital work, but above all she pointed out the wonderful opportunity for teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Her talk did much to stimulate missionary effort and deepen missionary interest.

ALBERTA

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CALGARY Presbyterial — On November 16th the Senior Auxiliary, Goforth Evening Affiliated Auxiliary and Isabel McConnell Affiliated Auxiliary of Knox Church, Calgary, united to hold a Thank-offering meeting. The Reverend John Elder of British Guiana, was the guest speaker and was introduced by the Reverend A. J. Gowland. Patriotism, parental love and the longing and thirsting after God were the three basic characteristics of the cosmopolitan races of British Guiana which made it possible for the missionaries to reach them. His address was based on the 26th verse of the 17th Chapter of Acts ''And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth . . .''

Edmonton Presbyterial — *The Glad Tidings* was the special theme at the November meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Edmonton. Mrs. McMicking gave a most interesting and informative talk on the history of this fine little magazine, of which we, as Women's Missionary Society members, are justly proud. She told us first of the pageant presented at the Council Meeting in Calgary, which vividly portrayed the history of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) from its beginnings, and of the foundations laid in prayer and a sense of urgency to give the Evangel to the frontier areas of our land, and then to the ends of the earth, ''stirring up . . . by putting us in remembrance'' of these things. Then she told of the different publications of the early days of the two branches ''Home'' and ''Foreign'' which came together in 1914. She had some of these early periodicals a *Home Mission Pioneer* of 1907 and a copy of the *Foreign Mission Tidings* of 1911, and also one of *The Messenger* which took the place of these two magazines after the amalgamation of the ''Home'' and ''Foreign'' Missionary Societies in 1914. She read interesting items from these old magazines and also from the first copy of our *Glad Tidings* published by our Women's Missionary Society after the disruption in 1925.

SASKATCHEWAN

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MOOSE Jaw Presbyterial—The Friendship Circle and Senior Auxiliary held their Thank-offering meeting in Knox Church, Moose Jaw, recently. One minute's silence was observed in memory of the late Mrs. Jessie Armstrong, a faithful and sincere worker in the church's various organizations. Reports were received from the delegates to the Synod's Summer School and the Young People's Rally. The guest speaker was Miss Margaret Gillies and she gave an inspiring Thanksgiving message from the text ''What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits''.

Miss Frieda Matthews, National Missions, Executive Secretary, addressed the Auxiliaries of St. Paul's and Knox Churches, Moose Jaw. She brought greetings from Council and paid tribute to the services rendered by Miss Ruby Walker as regional secretary in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. She reviewed the responsibilities of the Church towards missions and said that there is a vast field to be covered and a great many workers are needed. Miss Ruby Walker, Miss Agnes Hislop and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Walker, formerly of Killam, Alberta, were guests at the meeting.

Prince Albert Presbyterial—The sub-executive of the Presbyterial met recently, at the home of Mrs. Last, Tisdale, to plan for the Presbyterial meeting in January. Deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Downing the retiring president and her family in the loss of husband and father and it is hoped that a measure of peace and understanding will be theirs in the New Year.

Mrs. MacSween of Melfort gave a full and interesting report on the Council Meeting at the Thank-offering meeting of Tisdale Auxiliary. She urged the prompt sending in of supplies. Mrs. Ruth Dempsey of Victoria, was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Auxiliary and her topic was ''Do Missions Pay?''. She said that although few can go to fields abroad, those at home can help supply the needs of those who do. Both are essential to the success of the worthwhile task.

The Elena McKay Evening Auxiliary, Tisdale, held their first Thank-offering meeting in the church on November 9th, with Mrs. Fern McKee presiding. Miss Lila Johnston read from Psalm 104 and Miss Abbey, leader of the Mission Band led in prayer. Mrs. Hunter was the guest speaker and told many interesting things of the work as it was in British Guiana when she and her husband were there.

The Reverend J. Alan Munro, former Superintendent of Western Missions, spoke at an evening service in St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert, recently. In speaking of his tour of the foreign mission fields, he urged his listeners to wake up to the fact that some of the greatest opportunities ever presented to our Church are offered to us now in the East. Trained workers are needed, but above all more interest is needed in our missionary work by those at home.

Miss Frieda Matthews was guest speaker at a special meeting in St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert, when she outlined the work of the Women's Missionary Society across Canada and stressed the great need for more workers to fill vacancies and to give assistance to many already overburdened workers.

Regina Presbyterial—Mrs. Sherrick of Weyburn and Mrs. Marshall of Regina, were the guest speakers at the fall Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Stoughton. Mrs. Marshall gave a splendid report of the Council Meeting held in Calgary in September, which gave a clearer insight into the work being done. Mrs. Sherrick gave an inspiring address, stressing the need of God in our lives. Mrs. Hathaway read the Scripture and gave a talk on Christ in the Upper Room and Christ going to the Cross, rising victorious over death and now alive for evermore. Refreshments were served in the manse and a social hour enjoyed by all. In the absence of the minister, Mr. David Forbes, the members of the Auxiliary took charge of the church service on December 11th. There were several musical numbers and Mrs. Hathaway, the oldest member, gave a short address. Miss Florence Brigham spoke also on Miss Pelton's fine work.

The fall Thank-offering meeting of Northside Auxiliary and the Ruby Walker Guild, Regina, was held in the church. Reverend Mr. Cunningham as guest speaker, based his remarks on the story of the woman with the alabaster box of precious ointment. From this lesson was drawn a picture of the type of gift most desirable in the sight of God. At the close of the meeting a social hour was held.

The Women's Federation of First Church, Regina, held their fall Thank-offering meeting on the evening of November 10th with Mrs. J. B. Shaw presiding. Reverend I. R. MacKee of Indian Head was the guest speaker and took for his text the latter part of the second verse of the 22nd chapter of Revelation ''The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations''. ''In the chaotic condition of the world to-day every way for peace has been tried but God's way'', said Mr. MacKee. The Church of Jesus Christ must speak and we alone have the answer for the world's ills. The message of Christ is for the healing of the Nations. Our Church in Saskatchewan has made great strides in its expansion, but much is yet to be done.''

Saskatoon Presbyterial—Miss J. E. Walls spoke on the Council Meeting to the Senior and Dr. James Robertson Auxiliaries of St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, on the occasion of their Thank-offering meeting. Miss Walls said that the message from the Council Meeting was definitely one of thanksgiving. Now is the time to be thankful for the work that has been accomplished and now is the time to be thankful for the opportunities that are opening up.

The annual Thank-offering service of the Knox-St. Andrew's Auxiliary, North Battleford, was held on the evening of October 17th. The Reverend John Elder, missionary on furlough from British Guiana, was the guest speaker. Mr. Elder's address was supplemented by coloured slides which gave a vivid picture of the country and its people. Mr. Elder spoke of the educational and evangelistic work being done and it was encouraging to know that the doors are open wide for the preaching of the Gospel.

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BRANDON Presbyterial—Mrs. S. Heslip of Killarney was the special speaker at the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Brandon. Reverend Van Mossel showed a missionary film ''Heart of India''. The meeting was well attended by members of the congregation.

Mrs. LeCocq visited Brandon on her return from Council and addressed a well attended meeting at Neepawa. Mrs. LeCocq spoke of the value of missions and also brought the highlights of Council.

The Presbyterial President, Mrs. J. McLeod, also gave a splendid Council report at Hartney, Minnedosa, St. Andrew's and First Churches, Brandon. These meetings were all well attended.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial—Mrs. D. McCullough, Tara, was the guest speaker at the fall Thank-offering meeting of the Port Elgin Auxiliary. She spoke of the work being done by our Church in British Guiana. A novel feature was a choral number by the C.G.I.T. group of the Church.

The Westminster Auxiliary of Paisley Presbyterian Church, at their December meeting, made plans to remember the ''shut-ins'' at Christmas. The annual reports of the auxiliary were read.

The Senior Auxiliary and the Jessie Clow Evening Auxiliary of St. Andrew's, Owen Sound, were entertained by Mrs. Ross Adams at their December meetings. Miss Ward spoke to the latter auxiliary on ''Christmas in other Lands''. A synopsis of the November *Glad Tidings* was given.

Hamilton Presbyterial — Ancaster Auxiliary celebrated its 70th birthday on November 2nd when Dr. William Barclay spoke on ''Women in the Church and in the World''. A very interesting history of the auxiliary was read by Mrs. Neil Livingston. Greetings were brought from the United Church by Reverend Mr. Harper and from the Presbyterial by the President, Miss A. J. Ritchie. The Young People's group of Ancaster assisted in serving tea.

''Yuletide and Thankfulness'' was the topic chosen by Mrs. H. M. Coulter of St. Catharines when she spoke at the Thank-offering meeting of the Beamsville Auxiliary.

Mrs. H. F. Borrowman presided at the Diamond Jubilee of the Welland Auxiliary. Reverend D. S. Davidson welcomed the guests and Miss Annie Ritchie brought greetings from the Presbyterial. Mrs. E. J. Anderson sketched the history of the auxiliary. Miss Elspeth Davidson spoke of her work in British Guiana.

Huron Presbyterial — Miss Elspeth Davidson, of Newton and recently returned from a three year term as teacher in the Berbice High School, New Amsterdam, British Guiana, spoke at the fall Thank-offering meeting of the Seaforth Senior and the Barbara Kirkman auxiliaries.

The 65th anniversary of the Auxiliary of Knox Church, Goderich, was celebrated in October in conjunction with the fall Thank-offering meeting. The devotional period was taken by three past presidents: Mrs. F. R. Redditt, Mrs. R. J. Walter, and Mrs. Gordon Bissett. Mrs. D. Ritchie, Seaforth, gave the address, the theme was ''The Ministry of Women''.

Mrs. Young of Cromarty was the guest speaker at the fall Thank-offering of the Auxiliary of Caven Presbyterian Church, Exeter. The devotional period, was prepared by Mrs. Donald Sinclair. She directed the congregation to think of Sulman's painting: ''Head of Christ''. The theme was carried out through the use of slides and records. Mrs. A. Whilsmith conducted the service.

Maitland Presbyterial — The Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Wingham, had Mrs. G. C. Jorgenson of Bluevale as guest speaker at their fall Thank-offering.

Reverend Mr. Hardwick spoke on "Setting the Date for Christmas" or "Christmas Customs in Other Lands" at the Christmas meeting of Knox Church Auxiliary, Teeswater.

Sectional meetings were held on November 2 and 3 in Kinlough and Belmore churches. Mrs. A. MacAuley, Ripley, Presbyterial President, spoke of the points of interest at the Synodical Board meeting held in London, Mrs. Robert Mowbray, Wingham, gave high lights of the Council Meeting held in Calgary.

Mrs. Needham told the story of Taiwan at the November meeting of the Kinlough Auxiliary.

Mrs. Russell, Lucknow, was guest speaker for the autumn Thank-offering of Knox Church Auxiliary, Kincardine. Her theme was: "My Church".

Apropos of the centennial of Knox Church, Kincardine, Mrs. D. Ritchie, guest speaker at the Auxiliary meeting, took as her topic the word: "Milestones".

Paris Presbyterial — The Brantford auxiliaries are to be commended for the spirit of fellowship engendered by the uniting of the senior auxiliaries of the three churches for their Thank-offering meetings. The plan has been a great success and the members look forward to this exchange of friendship among their churches.

The Auxiliary of Central Church Brantford, had as a speaker for a meeting, Reverend Mr. Borsay, the Hungarian minister of Delhi.

Sarnia Presbyterial—The Afternoon Auxiliary and the "Mary and Martha" Evening Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy, held a joint Thank-offering meeting at which an Honorary Life Membership was conferred on Mrs. C. H. MacDougall, who for many years has given valuable service as an officer and leader.

The Young Ladies' Club of St. Andrew's, Sarnia, an affiliated group of the W.M.S., the Evening Auxiliary of St. Andrew's and the "Greta Adams" Evening Auxiliary of Paterson Memorial, Sarnia, had special Christmas programmes at their December meetings. Christmas gift parcels were packed by the latter two groups.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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BARRIE Presbyterial—Stroud Auxiliary held their Thank-offering meeting with members of St. James United, St. Paul's Anglican and Coulson's Hill and Allandale Presbyterian Auxiliaries as their guests. Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, Candidates Secretary on Council Executive, who was guest speaker gave a vivid description of the work carried on by the Society and an account of the 85th annual Council Meeting held in Calgary.

At the 60th anniversary of the Stayner Auxiliary Mrs. W. G. Ross gave an historical picture of the Society. Mrs. C. W. Maitland of Collingwood was guest speaker and chose as her topic "What is our duty in our time as members of the Women's Missionary Society?" Greetings were received from the local churches and Barrie Presbyterial, the Presbytery and Auxiliaries in the surrounding district.

Kingston Presbyterial—The Auxiliary

of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, held their Thank-offering meeting with members of the Catherine Fairlie Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Evening Auxiliary and the Canadian Girls in Training as guests. The guest speaker was Mr. K. S. McKenzie, formerly of British Guiana. Mr. McKenzie told of the Young People's Conference held in New Amsterdam this year.

Orangeville Presbyterial — The third annual Rally of teen-age girls of the Presbyterial was held in Erskine Church, Dundalk. A picnic supper at 6.30 was followed by a lively sing song. Words of welcome were given by the Presbyterial President, Mrs. R. D. Fraser. A camp talk by Miss Eva Hill and a demonstration of puppets by Miss Jessie Scott of Toronto were much enjoyed. Miss Mary Whale led a leaders' discussion group and Miss Louise Reith introduced to the leaders the mission study on Japan. A recreational period was conducted by Mrs. George Aitken of Hillsburgh. Miss Whale spoke on the Rally theme ''Give thanks unto the Lord for He is good''. The Orangeville C.G.I.T. group received a picture map of Japan for highest attendance. An impressive worship service was conducted by Miss Reith.

Toronto Presbyterial—The 60th anniversary of the Scott Auxiliary of St. John's Church, Toronto, was celebrated at the November meeting, with Miss Laura K. Pelton as guest speaker. Guests were welcomed by Miss A. M. Booth, president, and they represented Council Executive, Toronto Presbyterial, the General Board of Missions and a number of Toronto Auxiliaries. Mrs. R. Fennell presided. A history of the 60 years was compiled and read by Mrs. W. H. D. Leef.

At the regular December meeting of the John Wilkie Auxiliary of Chalmers Church, Toronto, Miss Frieda Matthews, National Missions, Executive Secretary, was honoured by her fellow members with the gift of an Honorary Life Membership. Miss Matthews addressed the meeting bringing highlights of the Council Meeting in Calgary. Mrs. A. S. Curr, Presbyterial President, installed the newly-elected officers.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

Mrs. Eric Larsen, Box 88,
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GLENGARY Presbyterial—Mrs. Robertson Millar, President of the Presbyterial, who attended the Council Meeting in Calgary, visited several Auxiliaries at their Thank-offering meetings, bringing to them interesting information regarding our National and Overseas Work.

Montreal Presbyterial—Miss Catherine R. Cumming, Evening Department Secretary of the Presbyterial, addressed the meeting and dedicated the officers at the newly organized Evening Auxiliary at Beckwith Memorial Church, the Italian Presbyterian Church in Montreal. The subject of her address was ''The Work of the W.M.S. at Home and Overseas''. Mrs. R. M. McCleary brought greetings from the Presbyterial.

The Reverend R. J. Berlis spoke on ''A Padre Remembers'' at the Thank-offering meeting of the St. Andrew and St. Paul Evening Auxiliary.

Campbell Memorial Auxiliary held its annual Home Helpers meeting with a very fine attendance. Reverend D. H. Correal of Verdun, was the guest speaker and in an inspiring address spoke of the difference between a Christian and a non-Christian.

St. Edward's Evening Auxiliary, Beauharnois, held their Thank-offering meeting in the church on October 18th, the Reverend W. H. Brown presiding. This was an open meeting to which all had been invited to hear the Reverend Llewellyn K. Anderson, secretary of the Mission Board of The Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., for Africa and Latin America. Friends from neighbouring congregations at Riverfield, Ormstown, Georgetown and Chateauguay were present, as well as a representation from Trinity Church, Beauharnois, as many of the members of each congregation knew Dr. Anderson. The address was illustrated with slides. At the close of the meeting the congregation adjourned to the new church hall, just completed, when a short service of dedication was conducted by Dr. Anderson.

New Organizations

British Columbia

Kootenay Presbyterial—Mission Band (reorganized), Creston. Leader, Mrs. N. G. Robertson, Box 255.

Victoria Presbyterial—C.G.I.T. Group, Gorge-Erskine Church, Victoria. Leader, Mrs. T. H. Hunt, 3132 Milgrove St.

Westminster Presbyterial—Explorer Group, Prince Rupert. Leader, Mrs. W. H. Wilson-Murray, Box 1129, Prince Rupert.

Explorer Group, girls, St. Columba Church, Vancouver. Leader, Miss E. Smith, 1215 W. 16th Ave.

Girls' Guild, Robertson Church, Vancouver. Leader, Mrs. J. Middleton, 1751 Nanaimo St.

Intermediate group, C.G.I.T. Leader, Mrs. Maurice Fox, 709-19th St., New Westminster.

Alberta

Macleod Presbyterial—Mission Band, Macleod. Leader, Mrs. L. McRoberts.

Toronto and Kingston

Toronto Presbyterial—Explorer Group, York Memorial Church, Toronto. Leader, Mrs. M. Dawson, 36 Juliet Crescent, Toronto 9.

Saskatchewan

Moose Jaw Presbyterial—Young Women's Auxiliary, Swift Current. Pres., Mrs. L. J. Peters; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. J. Stewart, 212 - 5th St. W.

Prince Albert Presbyterial—Mission Band, Carragana. Leader, Miss H. Collins.

Manitoba

Brandon Presbyterial—Mission Band, Minnedosa. Leader, Mrs. Fred McKay.

Young Women's Auxiliary, Neepawa. Pres., Mrs. Angus McDougall; Treas., Mrs. Jack Johnston; Sec., Mrs. E. V. Shields.

Winnipeg Presbyterial—Mission Band, Elmwood Church, Winnipeg. Leader, Mrs. N. Pretti, 466 Talbot Ave.

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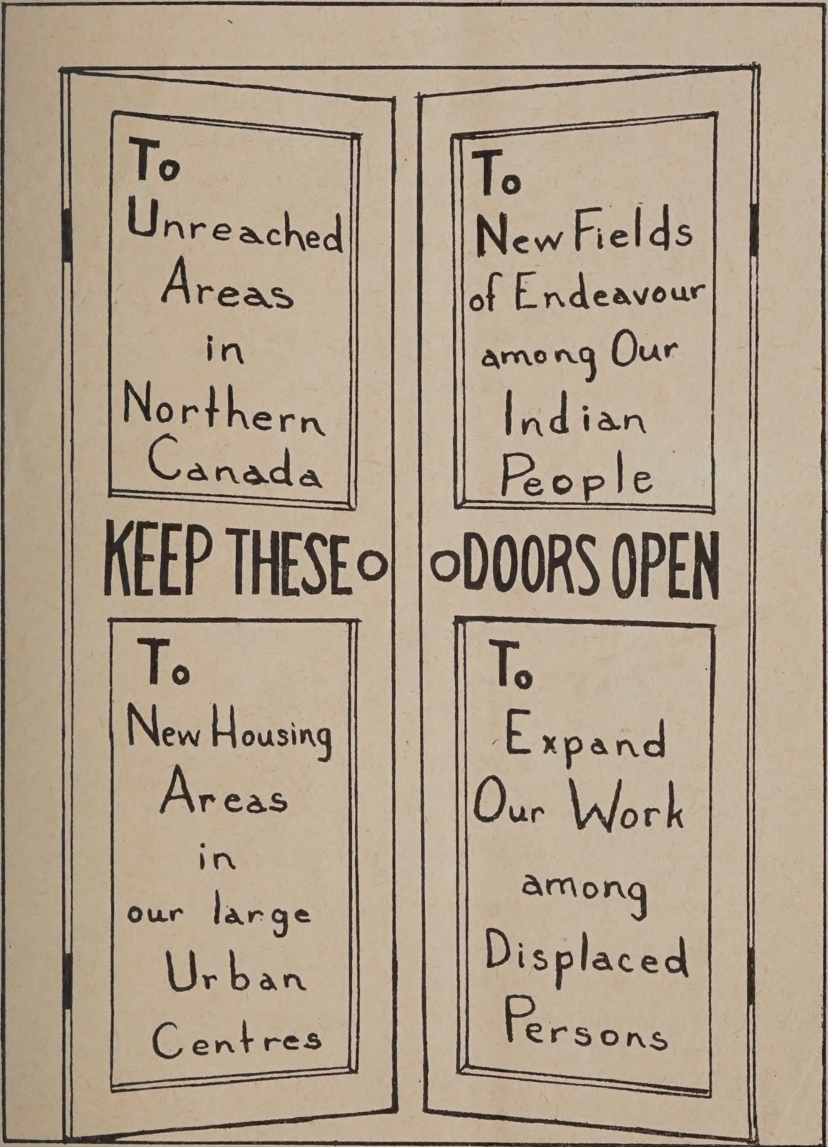
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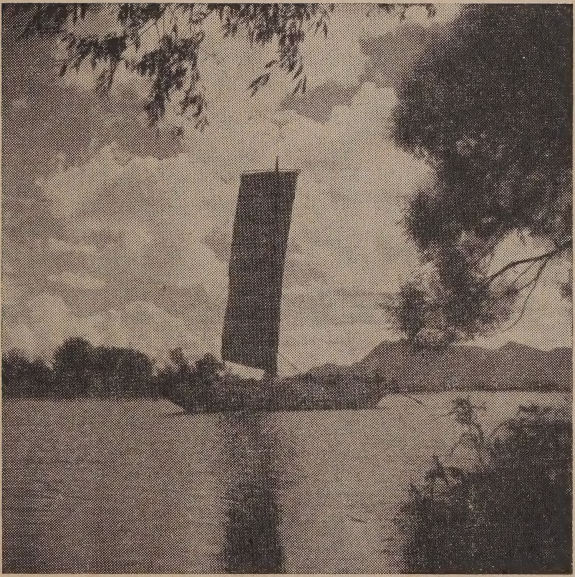

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Mrs. G. R. Pye

ONE does not go to a meeting where financial reports are to be given and expect to receive from that meeting an emotional experience which will serve as inspiration for our work for the months to come. Financial reports have a wide reputation for their lack of interest and editors are never expected to be moved more than superficially. But I feel as the 1949 report goes to you that you should know that the women who heard the presentation the other day were moved deeply by the Treasurer's words as she introduced and concluded her report. Words cannot possibly convey to you the deep feeling evoked by Mrs. Pye as she stated her own humbleness at administering funds dedicated to spreading the Gospel of Salvation. You, who have shown your own thanksgiving to God by sharing His gifts that His Word may be taught, should know that those who try to carry out that work here in Toronto have been made to feel a deep responsibility and dedicated themselves to serve as best they can.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT for 1949

At the regular meeting of Council Executive on February 7th, 1950 the Auditors' Statement for 1949 was read and accepted. As a detailed statement will appear in the Annual Report, only a brief summary is given below.

General Fund

Receipts from Synodical Societies:

British Columbia	$ 7,097.75	
Alberta	5,537.00	
Saskatchewan	3,900.00	
Manitoba	5,000.00	
Hamilton and London	60,800.00	
Toronto and Kingston	68,549.56	
Montreal and Ottawa	34,560.00	
		$185,444.31

Disbursements on Estimates	$176,349.88
	$ 9,094.43
Received from Individual Subscriptions	4,100.43
Received from Refunds	244.15
	$13,439.01

In addition to the disbursements on the 1949 Estimates, the following amounts were expended from the 1948 balance:

Christian Literature and Grants	$ 1,000.00	
Pension Fund	2,000.00	
Vellore Medical College	5,000.00	
Cars for Bhil Field	7,000.00	
British and Foreign Bible Society	700.00	
Canadian Overseas Church Relief	600.00	
Ophaned Missions	500.00	
Cost of Living Bonuses for Overseas and National Missionaries	1,525.00	
Overseas Films and Slides	58.74	
		$ 18,383.74

An amount of $2,400.00 estimated for Youth Secretary and part salary of Girls' Secretary was not used for that purpose. We regret to report these positions remain unfilled. Only a portion of the estimate for new deaconesses was used, as here again, we are understaffed. However, we were able to give larger grants to Christian literature and Orphaned Missions, and also cover the travelling and living expenses of our first Chinese national student to Canada. Missionaries' travel from the fields, Council expenses and several other departments show an increase, mainly due to rising costs.

Our receipts from government grants were $74,918.82 and our expenditures for Birtle and Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Schools amounted to $71,978.65.

All Synodicals exceeded their allocation and all but one contributed more than in 1948. The increase in Synodical givings over 1948 is $6,285.61. The increase over 1949 allocations is $9,128.31. It is a magnificent showing, in fact, the best since 1925. Our previous high was in 1929 when we received from our membership $180,130.00. We are now on the march — let no one lose faith.

Supply Fund

Receipts from Synodicals:		
British Columbia	$ 395.75	
Alberta	336.30	
Saskatchewan	187.45	
Manitoba	313.75	
Hamilton and London	2,920.60	
Toronto and Kingston	2,634.94	
Montreal and Ottawa	1,491.00	
		$ 8,279.79
Special Contributions		269.34
Portion of Government Grant for Indian School Supplies		4,000.00
		$12,549.13
Disbursements for Supplies		$11,322.72

Pension Fund

During 1949, by order of Council, $20,000.00 was transferred from the Sustaining Fund and $2,000.00 from the 1948 General Fund balance. Annuity rates received from workers were $1,380.94. Interest amounted to $2,129.02, making the total addition to the fund for the year, $25,509.96. There was spent $4,637.46 to cover cost of workers' annuities. The fund now stands at $80,585.67.

Peace Thanksgiving Fund

Capital Account—One legacy for $250.00 has been received for this fund from the estate of the late Miss Mary Johnston, Stratford. The total now stands at $40,286.49, the interest from which each year is included in the Income Account.

Income Account—Interest from Capital Account $1,319.84, special gifts designated for education of students $1,095.00 and refund from Candidate $480.10, make an amount of $2,894.94 added to the account during 1949. From this, $2,165.79 was spent for education of Overseas and National students, as well as for special courses for missionaries on furlough and National missionaries. The account now stands at $2,017.46.

Legacy Fund

Legacies in the amount of $25,685.87 were received during the year. In addition to this, $13,800.00 was returned, being the final payment on the Saskatoon Residence. A further $450.00 was received from the Ernest Wylie Permanent Endowment. Interest amounted to $1,556.97, making total receipts for 1949 of $41,492.94. From this fund there was expended for buildings, equipment, literature and interest on permanent endowments, $21,986.53. The fund now stands at $69,492.25.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking many of our members and Auxiliaries for acceding to the Society's policy in regard to legacies. Our policy is that all legacies be sent to our General Treasurer to be deposited to the Legacy Fund, this fund to be used for definite objects:—buildings, repairs or additions thereto, equipment for the work, for the Pension Fund, for the Peace Thanks-giving Fund and for Christian Literature. It may not be used for the maintenance of the work of the Women's Missionary Society. Unless the Will of the donor directs the use to be made of the legacy, the Auxiliary may designate its use within the scope of the Society's policy as mentioned above, but it must be used for work under the administration of the Women's Missionary Society.

Sustaining Fund

On the order of Council in September, 1949, this fund was closed out and $20,000.00 was transferred to the Pension Fund and $15,816.56 to the Special Fund.

Special Fund

During the year, $17,998.75 was added to this fund, being refund from General Fund in adjustment of accounts, interest $550.17 and $15,816.56 transferred from the Sustaining Fund. The loans to the Italian Church, Montreal, and to Christopher Lake Camp were cancelled, amounting to $4,000.00. The fund now stands at $36,919.92.

Overseas Fund

The only addition to this fund during the year was interest in the amount of $115.80. The disbursements were $1,616.34, as follows: opening up work in Japan, $1,100.00; equipment for Primary School in Kunming, $500.00 and equipment for projector, $16.34. The fund now stands at $7,655.50.

I feel very honoured that it has been my privilege to present to our members, such a splendid statement of your efforts during 1949. We are very grateful that we have been so richly blessed during this 85th anniversary year. As we think of our abundant heritage, we are reminded of those women who in 1864 in Montreal, laid the foundation of our Society, and again of those who met in 1925 in Toronto, to gather up the fragments in order that we might continue to build. We pray that the structure may remain strong and true to its purpose —The World for Christ.

Ruth E. Pye

Emphasizing Ratlam

An opinion on Co-operative Medical Work in India

BY MISS BESSIE MACMURCHY, REG.N.

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CO-OPERATIVE effort is receiving much attention in mission endeavour at present. The Presbyterian Church in Canada is playing its part in such endeavour in several ways, and I have spent practically all of this year in sharing in one or two of those ways. . . .

In Vellore, so well known to many, I continued from January to participate in the teaching work at the School of Nursing. My programme brought me into contact with students of three years in the certificate course, and with the degree students of three years. While I was there the latter course was in its third year. In 1950 the first class will graduate from Madras University as well as from Vellore School of Nursing. Some of my teaching was in the class room, and some was on the wards. With the Sister Tutor students I also had work in the classroom and on the wards, linking up theory and practice. This meant that my contacts were also with the staff on the wards. I could smile at the patients but could say very little because most of them spoke one of the languages of South India. A few only could understand Hindi. At Vellore one gets a truly national outlook, as there are people there from every section of India—some as students and some as staff. There is also an international aspect in that the foreign staff comes from several countries. I was interested to find that many of the students and some of the staff knew little of the Bhils. I did my best to disseminate a little knowledge of them, and got a very good response. Perhaps some day there may be a boy or girl qualified to study medicine or nursing at Vellore.

While I enjoyed the work at Vellore, it probably is true that the second piece of co-operative work done was nearer to my heart—that in the Hindi post-graduate course for nurses, conducted by the Mid-India Board of Examiners of the Christian Medical Association. In this course there is an opportunity for those less educated to receive instruction which will help them to assume more responsibility. The Hindi course takes students who have less than matriculation, but it is the usual thing for the students to have had at least two years of High School. These students, in contrast to the Vellore students, have studied in Hindi. That necessitates more work for the instructors in the post-graduate course because a lot of time has to be given to translation, and much less reference reading can be assigned. Nursing text-books in Hindi are practically nil. It was encouraging to me to find that the students in the Hindi course were actually more enthusiastic in their study than the ones in the English course. Sometimes I wondered if it might be because they understood more comparatively than when they studied in their own language. The comments of the students themselves were proof sufficient that this course is filling a great need. They commented on what various subjects had meant to them in enlarging their vision of service. I often wished that friends in Canada could meet young folk like those in this course. Our Mission had no students taking the course this year, but it is hoped there may be at least one in 1950.

Miss MacMurchy with students at Ratlam

Students in the Hindi course have gone back to their hospital work in Bombay Presidency, Rajputana, Delhi, Central Provinces, Bundelkhand, Assam, and Central India. In those places those particular nurses will, I am sure, serve their country better and, in so doing, will also be able to better glorify the Master Whom they own.

The seven graduates in Administration this year bring the total number of nurses who have taken post-graduate work in Hindi to 29. No courses have as yet been offered in any other language of India. Graduates in graduate courses given in English probably number less than 200. It is only within the past ten years that attention has been given to graduate courses in India for nurses. Perhaps 150 or 200 Indian nurses have taken graduate work abroad. At present the Government of India is offering several scholarships a year for such study in other countries. Most of the graduates of this Hindi course have not the general education of that type of nurse, but they will be leaders in their own areas. For instance, the officers in the Mid-India Branch of the Nurses' Auxiliary of the Christian Medical Association are all graduates of the Hindi course, with the exception of two foreign nurses appointed to advise the officers in their hospitals. There is no doubt at all that some of these graduates of the Hindi course will eventually contribute much to their own profession as leaders. Two of this year's students would be suitable candidates for study abroad if they had a better grasp of English.

Our Church contributes nothing to the Mission work in Ratlam, but my services and some minor expenses are being contributed to the Mid-India Board, and a yearly contribution has been made to the post-graduate course since it started.

The Mid-India Board has just published a Hindi translation of an English nursing text book, which will be of untold value not only to us in Mid-India but wherever Hindi is the language used. This is the first of such text books we hope to translate. We have had a Hindi nursing text book, and one in Anatomy, one in Obstetrics and in Pediatrics. They are all quite out-of-date, and now we are contemplating new books. Finance is the problem, of course. Dr. Whittier wrote a book on Obstetrical Nursing which is very fine. It will be given to the press soon. A Committee is preparing an Anatomy book. Small books on Psychology and Professional Adjustments have been printed, and we hope soon to have a small one on History of Nursing. This is a most important part of the work of the Mid-India Board because there is such a dearth of text books for nurses in India. For those who know English the problem is not so great as they can use text books in English.

It isn't too easy to understand the situation in another country, but one of the main things is that nursing in India is considerably behind that in Western countries. The number of nurses in active work is estimated at something over 7,000. To adequately meet the need it is estimated there should be at least 700,000. When those figures are compared you can have some idea of what the condition is. Much more attention is now being given to nursing education, but even so there are not nearly as many recruits in any part of India as are wanted. Low salaries, poor living conditions, and long and hard working hours keep some from taking training. Scholarships are offered to girls to be teachers, and conditions are much more amenable as a rule (I mean Government scholarships are offered). The number of nurses who are Christian is of course, very much greater than the number who are non-Christian.

I am enclosing an account written by one of our students who attended the annual Conference of the Trained Nurses' Association of India, held in Bombay last month. It was a great experience for the students. Because Bombay is near Ratlam each student was able to save enough money to attend the Conference.

Dear Friends,

The opportunity of going to Bombay was the great pleasure to us which we like to share with you.

When we were told about going to Bombay, the new place for us, we were very much excited and had all sorts of thoughts and imagination. We thought ourselves the luckiest ones to see the place Bombay which we never thought to see. Hearing the expenses we were sorry but actually going there we were no more sorry and enjoyed our trip.

We left Ratlam on 7th November in the afternoon, and saw lovely scenery, hills and rivers. Towards morning we could see Bombay scenery and the lovely sea about which we used to learn during studying days. At this time we were actually seeing with our own eyes and were very happy about it.

Our Trained Nurses' Association of India Conference was held from the 8th of November to the 12th of November in which there were 700 delegates from hospitals all over India. The arrangements were good, and most of the delegates ate at the King Edward Memorial Hospital. Every evening tea was served in different hospitals, when we were invited to see the hospitals.

The delegates had brought models from their hospitals and they were kept in a room. They were so nicely prepared that some of the hospitals got prizes such as nice books. One hospital was given a Florence Nightingale lamp. One hospital won a shield, and so on.

During the Conference we saw many new things, such as the chemical laboratory in Haffkine Institute, the pathological specimens in the K. E. M. Hospital, and such hospitals as the J. J. Hospital, Tata Hospital, Wadia Maternity Hospital, G. T. Hospital, a T. B. Hospital, and a Veterinary Hospital.

I would like to tell you something about the place Bombay, but I hardly know where to begin as there is so much to tell. It is a very beautiful city built by the sea and lying very low at the sea level and protected on the western side by a huge rock called Malabar Hill. The city itself is very crowded and busy, and all the people of the earth seem to be there and most of the wealthy people. The view is magnificent and the gardens and bungalows and shops are worthy of a visit. In the Museum we saw birds and animals arranged in such a way as if they were alive so they seemed quite natural.

We were on the sea in a motor boat for half an hour and we had a nice time then. Our snaps were taken by our teachers, Miss Nichol and Miss MacMurchy. For the first time we saw a huge ship, the Strathmore, and we were thankful for the chance we had.

On the fourth day we did shopping and saw the main part of Bombay that is right at the sea. We had no sea-sickness so we thought we were quite fit to go over sea if any chance be given to us.

Buses were arranged for all the delegates to have a drive to Government House, which is at the seashore, where we all had a party in the park. We were given cold drinks and ice cream. Before the party started Sir Maharaj and Lady Singh came to greet us as the band played the national song. They greeted different groups and talked with the delegates. We enjoyed the lovely cool breeze and were allowed to see Governmnt House.

On the first day of the Conference at 6 p.m. there were Church services for the delegates at St. Mary's R.C. Church and at a Church of England. The Church was filled with people. A choir was there (C. of E.), and a sermon was given on the parable of the ten talents.

We were very thankful for the chance of going to Bombay. We do not know that we will get such another chance in the future.

Thank you for you have given your time to go over this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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Toronto Presbyterial Progresses

The annual meeting of Toronto Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society, January 26th and 27th, 1950, was one of historic significance. Following the action of the Presbytery of Toronto, when it took steps to become two Presbyteries, the Presbyterial at its annual meeting in 1949 agreed to become Presbyterials co-extensive with the two Presbyteries, that of East Toronto and West Toronto, at the annual meeting in 1950.

This was done. The officers for East Toronto Presbyterial were installed by the Reverend Alex. McLean, Moderator of East Presbytery, and those for West Toronto by the Reverend R. M. Kerr, Moderator of West Presbytery. Mrs. A. Hogg is President of East Presbyterial and Mrs. A. S. Curr of West Presbyterial.

We consider this a forward step and extend to these two Presbyterials best wishes. *—B.S.McL.*

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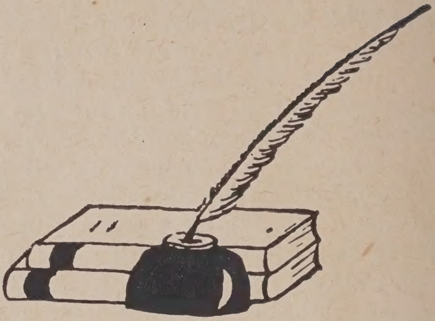


THIS past month, we were privileged to attend two types of missionary meetings, the one, examining the need for missionary work in the world, the other taking stock of the resources here at home and planning how those resources can best fit that need.

From the Foreign Missions Conference of North America we came back burdened with the knowledge that there was so much to be done and the time was shortening in which we could make our message known. True, we realized that the Christian Church has behind it that Power which if used by men and women, can conquer all barriers. We wondered how many people in Canada were willing to allow that Power to work through them that the world might be saved. Our wondering ceased after attending two Presbyterial annual meetings. At both, there prevailed the desire to keep in touch with the needs in the mission fields at home and abroad. At both, there was a willingness to make more and more material sacrifice that the knowledge of Christ's saving power might be the conqueror of the world. Increased allocations were accepted without complaint and in one case the increase was increased again by delegates to the meeting.

The Chaplain at the Foreign Missions Conference reminded us that darkness brings the brightness of the stars to view, that dark days challenge the Church to bring the Light back to the world. The members of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society are indeed accepting the challenge of these historic days. Surely with God's guidance we cannot fail to do His will.

The above paragraph stated the inspiration received by attending Presbyterial annual meetings where members of our Society had risen to the challenge being made to missionary endeavour in these days. Coming back to the office, we made a study of the circulation of the *Glad Tidings.* At the present time the same inspiration has not caused any great increases in subscriptions to our magazine. There is still time of course, for orders to come in. We believe they will, but we urge that you who now receive the official publication of our Society, make known this part of our work to those who still are not reading *The Glad Tidings.* There cannot be full support of our work if there is not current information about that work. We need to know where our money is being spent, we need to understand how best to strengthen the work by our prayers, if we are to do our best. Help your *Glad Tidings* Secretary now by suggesting to her names of those interested in missions who may not have had a chance to subscribe to the magazine. She has a great deal to do in carrying out her office, perhaps you could help her in some way to reach all the ladies in your community. Here is a job that will have a real place in furthering the missionary cause.

Canadian Church Relief Abroad

THE Canadian Church Relief Abroad, a project of the Canadian Council of Churches, has now been in operation for over two years, and has been able to do much to relieve the need and the sufferings of the people in Europe and Asia.

Presbyterians have been generous and steady contributors to this organization and have sent large quantities of good used clothing and money for food and for shipping the materials overseas. Women of our Church who live in centres where there is a clothing depot have taken their turn at unpacking, sorting and preparing for baling many tons of clothing. This work is done in a systematic manner and has received many compliments upon its efficiency.

To date 399 tons of clothing have been shipped to the following countries: Great Britain, 111 tons; Germany, 134 tons; France, 16 tons; Greece, 25 tons; Italy, 8 tons; Hungary, 2 tons; Holland, 2 tons; Japan, 81 tons; Korea, 20 tons. Letters telling of the gratitude of the people are constantly being received and it is a great source of satisfaction that we have been given an opportunity of taking an active part in this work of practical Christianity.

The need still exists. Money is needed to carry on the programme of the Canadian Church Relief Abroad. The need is for Reconstruction, Food and Clothing. Our people are asked to continue to be generous in their donations of money which may be sent to Mr. E. W. McNeill, Room 805, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ontario. The Winnipeg Clothing Depot expects to close at the end of February, but clothing is still being shipped from 250 Ossington Avenue, Toronto. The latest statistics from the World Council of Churches show that there are still 15,000,000 refugees who need our prayers and our help.

—*Mrs. Harold Keefer.*

Hospital Visiting

BY MRS. S. GILLESPIE

Mrs. S. Gillespie

IT is just ten years ago that I started visiting hospitals in Toronto. It has been a decade of busy years and eye-opening experiences—just another position for a deaconess about which she knows little or nothing until she is in the midst of it and then knows that it is the most important and challenging in the Master's service.

As the readers no doubt know, I am engaged by our Women's Missionary Society to visit Presbyterian women in Toronto hospitals. There are ten of these, Toronto General, Women's College, St. Michael's, Wellesley, East General, Western, St. Joseph's, Mercy, Runnymede and Queen Elizabeth. As each of these covers a large city block averaging five floors and although I just visit female wards, a great deal of ground must be covered. The time which seems to be wasted in elevators, corridors, ground floors is really an education revealing the "doings" behind the scenes and all contributing to the efficiency with which these institutions are run. It never ceases to thrill me.

Since I began this work, large sections (not wings) have been added to East General, Queen Elizabeth, Wellesley and St. Joseph's. One for St. Michael's and another for East General will be completed by the end of 1950. Although I do not go to the Sick Children's Hospital, I am vitally interested in the wonderful new building and its far reaching influence.

As the religion of each patient is taken on admission, it is possible for the worker to get these names. Armed with them—and they are just names until the persons to whom they belong are located—she goes from ward to ward and bed to bed. At times the temptation is very great, to have just a word with all patients, and not always resisted. As they are in for months at a time, one gets to know them and grow very fond of them. Great concern is always felt for the older women, one aged 103 years, who have broken limbs. Many of these women are very lonely and friendless but there is a wonderful spirit of friendliness among patients and those who are "over the worst" are so very ready to help with understanding and sympathy.

People come long distances, even across the Continent for treatments and operations.

The busier hospitals, by these I mean the ones located more closely to the highways and main streets and where accident cases are taken, naturally have more admissions and discharges and must be visited oftener. Even then, some patients are in and out between visits.

A bus accident, in which some passengers were killed, occurred in the west-end, the injured being taken to St. Joseph's, among them were several Presbyterian women. All the downtown hospitals had victims of the Noronic disaster. In St. Michael's I had six women and was asked if I would take the names of six others in as ''Protestant''. The latter were very appreciative and I visited them as well as my own every week during their confinement.

Among the patients was a Presbyterian on whose door a sign said ''positively no visitors''. On the third visit the sister in charge informed me that it didn't mean me and showed me in. She had been badly burned about the neck, breast and arms but was up and walking around. The awful tragedy of it was that her husband had been killed in the fire. Her son had come up from Virginia and taken his father's body home for burial and although he visited her again and everyone ''could not have been kinder'' she was lonely and had suffered greatly. Words seem inadequate at such a time, but that night I sent her two little booklets *Cheer Along The Way* and *Bible Treasures* with a prayer in my heart that she would find comfort. That prayer was answered for the next week she informed me that I would never know how she had been helped. Before leaving the hospital she wrote a note, thanking me as a representative of The Presbyterian Church. By the way, I got these lovely little books from Miss Reith, through the courtesy of the Women's Missionary Society. Just here, too, I do wish to express my thanks for the literature I receive—these dear little books, also the Eagle books which the patients like as they are so light to hold and so interesting and our own *Every Day* which is very much appreciated.

Another lovely young person whose hand and foot were severely burned, third degree, necessitating skin grafts, was in until after New Year's. We became great friends and I did miss her when she left.

As I said before, it is the duty of the worker to touch, if possible, all the Presbyterian women in all these institutions. There are approximately 270 of them and it is impossible for obvious reasons to visit them regularly. The sickest ones, if they are from out of town and especially if there is an operation, sometimes need daily visits. The new patients too, must be seen as soon as possible but one regrets the inability to see more often those very dear friends who have been in for years and whom one has learned to love. They are in the Queen Elizabeth, Mercy and Runnymede—about seventy of them—and their patience, fortitude and courage after years of suffering are a challenge to those of us who are well. Some have twisted and deformed bodies and cannot even move, others are paralysed or blind or deaf. Others are in wheelchairs, some of these can propel their own, and others can walk about, but all happy and bright. A clergyman visiting in one ward when I was there added the number of years the six patients had been hospitalized. It was around 150 years. He called it the "Century Ward".

There are always a few children in the Toronto General in Ward D, most of them with some heart ailment. These little ones, from infants to teen-agers, who have never been able to take their place with other children, are in most cases made perfectly well. Little Brenda, 9 years old, blonde and very beautiful, has had several operations and will have more. Just now she has gone home—many miles away—for Christmas but will be back and they hope, in time, to have her on her feet and walking. All these adorable children with their patience and courage have a wonderful influence on the older patients in the ward.

The maternity wards give the visitors a real "lift" when things are bad. Young mothers, so pretty and happy, looking forward to going home with a first offspring or with another new baby for the older ones at home. I've had the pleasure of giving seven layettes in the past year and I am thrilled to give them. The women in the auxiliaries have done much in giving supplies—layettes, children's clothing and cozy quilts. It is too bad those busy hands could not also deal them out. That pleasure is mine—I, who do not deserve it, just wish the women could receive the personal words of appreciation and thanks.

Besides many showers of jams and jellies from our women's auxiliaries, several groups of young women have had showers of suitable articles for my patients. Lovely stationery, fragrant colognes, dusting and talcum powders, perfumed soaps and wash cloths and other things too numerous to list. One lady brought fifty packages of "face-elle" which was most acceptable. The money I received went toward small interesting books for those who can read.

Just a word about the follow-up. As the work has grown so large and as so many of our folks live so far away, even away beyond our transportation, it is almost impossible to visit them personally. If they are permanently settled and when possible, I report to either the minister or Welcome and Welfare secretary and have them followed up by the church in their own vicinity. I do, if I can at all, keep in touch with my older people, especially those in lonely rooms. With the opening of such places as Lambert Lodge I hope there will not be the need for the warm nighties, bed socks or quilts which have been so much needed before. As I try to avoid seeing patients during visiting hours (they have so little time with their own folks) I do not meet the relatives but when death occurs and I go to the funeral parlours or the homes, I receive a very gracious welcome because of the hospital work. Whole families have been brought back into our church as the result of hospital visiting.

After ten years I seem to love my work more than ever. My dear friend and predecessor, Mary Murray Hay, whom you will all remember, is still my kind advisor and counsellor. Her interest in hospital work has never lagged. She and her husband (Mr. Hay does not relish being ''Miss Murray's husband'') are very fervent in their prayers for me and my work and this I would also ask of all the members of our Women's Missionary Society.

"Partners in Obedience"

WE looked at the world through missionaries' eyes when we attended the Foreign Missions Conference of North America at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., in January. Partners in Obedience was the theme of the Conference. At its outset, we were taken back to the days when Jesus gave the missionary commission to His disciples, and they, filled with the Holy Spirit, braved the whole world that men might be saved from their sins. The zeal of the disciples became the zeal of many missionaries and decades and centuries passed and the Gospel was spread to every continent. We were made aware of the fact that Jesus' commission was far from being fulfilled in this the twentieth century since His life on earth. . . . We must truly share in God's concern with all our hearts and minds if we are to follow the Master's command. Africa, to-day is crying for more and greater missionaries. Its dark skinned people are begging that they be taught the Gospel and that they be recognized as the equal of the white man. In the Near East and in Asia and Africa the followers of the Mohammedan religion have erected large barriers against the missionaries of the Christian faith. One fifth of the world's population are Mohammedans. Latin America is struggling between two evils, that of a powerful, so-called Christian institution and the pagan forces of communism. The injustices and lust for power exhibited by the one is paving the way for the coming of the other as a measure of relief.

Sharing God's concern for the salvation of His world are Dr. Frank Laubach, his son Robert and the men who prepare the charts from which men and women are taught to read. Sixty-one countries have benefited from his lessons. He has prepared charts and taught in two hundred languages. His method of ''each one teach one and win one'' has brought knowledge of the written word, and the salvation of Christ to thousands of illiterate people. Moreover in the carrying out of their part of the educational bargain they have learned great joy in helping their fellowmen to share their good fortune. As each one teaches one other to read he also passes on knowledge of God's love. Dr. Laubach urged the representatives of missionary boards to make possible the teaching of his method to as many of their missionary staff as possible that more and more illiterate people may be taught. He asked that skills in writing simple stories for the newly literate to read, be taught to those who could pass on the instruction. From the Conference the famed teacher flew to Africa, there to work under the auspices of several native governments. He begged that the great opportunities in the field of literacy be taken quickly by the Christians before evil forces used that influence first on the thousands still living in the darkness of illiteracy and ignorance of God's saving grace. ''O ye of little faith keep your feet off the brakes'' was Dr. Laubach's final plea as he stated that the only thing we have to fear is the way we are now. No sense of self-satisfaction must keep us from accepting the challenge of the mountainous task to be done in teaching people to know Jesus by teaching them to read.

We must share in God's concern for the world as it is to-day. We must seek His will that we truly become His ''partners in obedience''. The discussion at the Conference showed that we must be prepared to send as many well trained missionaries as it is possible to send. Mission groups must be prepared to work together that their unified action might have the greatest strength, Christian people at home and missionaries on the field must have faith that the work they are doing abroad is part of a plan greater by far than any individual. They must believe that God is working out the salvation of the world and that by staying close to Him in all the things we do, whether we be missionaries on the field or supporters of those people who go forth, salvation will come in His own time. It is not a time to wait for the physical forces of the nations to conquer the world. It is a time when the only conquest that will bring lasting peace, is a spiritual conquest. One of the leaders of the Conference saw the world as a sick person. ''Both communism and Christianity look at a sick world. Communism sees the illness as being caused by the concentration of wealth. The remedy is an operation on the patient. Much good tissue is removed but what is left will be expected to carry on the functions of the whole body. The Christian sees the illness as being caused by sin and the cure is like the cure of modern drugs, the working of the Spirit of Christ on the diseased parts. The cure takes longer but the patient lives''.

The picture of the world is indeed a dark one. Yet that very darkness is a challenge to Christian men and women to proclaim their message, for we of all the people of the earth have the one message for mankind. This was the reminder the Chaplain of the Conference gave us in one of his messages. ''God uses the madness of men to serve His purpose;'' ''When it is dark enough the stars come out.'' He reminded us of the promises God made to His people long years ago, those promises can be summed in the glorious words from Handel's Messiah: ''The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ and He shall reign''. How great a privilege is ours to be ''partners in obedience'' with Him in these awesome days.

Dr. Ida Scudder Celebrates Her Golden Jubilee

BY MISS ISABEL MCCONNELL, REG.N.

JANUARY 7th, 1950 will be a memorable day for the people who are in any way connected with the Christian Medical College and Hospital at Vellore. Why? Because Dr. Ida Scudder celebrated her Golden Jubilee on that day.

In 1900, as a young missionary of twenty-nine she arrived in Vellore and began her work in a very humble way. As a girl she had no intention of becoming a missionary or a doctor but on one occasion when in India for a visit, she was asked to go and see three young women who were in labour, she was unable to help them and the three women died. She had a vision of the medical need of women that night and through the years the vision has grown. She began her work in one room which con-

Miss McConnell was present at celebration of Dr. Scudder.

tained a bed, and through the window patients received advice and medicine. This was the fore-runner of the present hospital which to-day has a bed capacity of 485. In the past years plans have developed rapidly and hospital facilities have been greatly extended. Roadside work was undertaken before the days of cars and is now carried on routinely with motor transport built for the purpose, with a group of skilled workers in this particular branch of work; several times a week one sees these roadside groups start out, and in camps for eye work especially, as many as thirty operations are performed in a few days.

I know you will want to know what happened on the Golden Jubilee Celebration so I shall try to tell you. Glowing tributes were paid to Dr. Scudder by her many friends and by those in positions of authority. Great were the preparations previous to the arrival of the Governor of Madras, His Excellency the Maharaja of Bhavnagar, and Her Highness the Maharani. The student nurses formed a body-guard in front of the Nurses' Residence, not only did the nurses stand in line but members of the Medical staff, Nursing staff, and School of Nursing were all in readiness waiting to be presented to their Excellencies. Dr. Ida Scudder and Dr. Hilda Lazarus, Director and Principal of the Medical College, received them on arrival. . . . As soon as their Excellencies left the Hospital there were several cars and buses waiting in readiness to take the hospital staff up to College Hill where the formal addresses were to be given, and where some of the staff were to have lunch with the honoured guests. The day previous to their coming the registered number of all cars which were going to be used had to be given to the police as only those cars were permitted to be on the road during the visit of the Governor. . . .

The Reception Hall at the College was well filled. Reverend H. V. Shepherd, General Superintendent, opened with prayer and then the Chairman of the College Council, Sir Samuel Runganadhan welcomed their Excellencies and expressed deep appreciation of their presence in the midst on that very happy occasion. . . .

The Governor of Madras, His Excellency the Maharaja of Bhavnagar addressed the audience and spoke in a most appreciative way of Dr. Scudder's work. He considered it a unique occasion and expressed his appreciation for the invitation to be present. He said he felt honoured by being invited. I was interested in some of the remarks made by the Governor. He said, "We have recently seen many tributes paid to the work that Foreign Missions are doing in India by eminent men in all walks of life—by statesmen, and by professional men like doctors and teachers. This was not always the case, if I am allowed to speak frankly. There were periods, I should think, though they have happily passed, when Foreign Missions were regarded by a good many people with a certain degree of suspicion, the main suspicion, if it can be so called, was one that linked up the idea of foreign missions with our rule by a foreign Government. To the educated and uneducated, the great work that was being done by these Missions especially in the Medical and Educational fields, was lost sight of, and the thought uppermost was that they were foreigners—and not only foreigners but Westerners. It was immaterial whether they were British or not and that they had other work to do with no idea of interference in Politics. From this thought also there followed a similar prejudice against Christian Missionaries forgetting the fact that some of the earliest Christian communities in the world existed in India long before the religion in the West.''

''It is one of the highest tributes to the work done by these Missions that they were able not only to conquer this intial prejudice, but to win the affection of the people and the regard of the Leaders—and that before 1947. The reasons for this prejudice are now entirely a thing of the past and when we turn and look at this country with its vast social problems, its immense medical and educational wants, we cannot cease to be grateful to these missionaries who, for so many years in the past, have worked with such devotion and such care to alleviate the suffering of our people, we cannot cease to be grateful for all the spade work and for all the unremitting labour often unrecognized and unrewarded that they did during these past years. Our missionary bodies, with a true nobility and devotion to the true cause of humanity, have never confined their labours to one section or one religion in particular. The spirit of gratitude is a tribute to your work which you find among all our people and is emphasized even more by our Leaders and those on whom has fallen the burden of administrating this Country.'' His Excellency pleased Dr. Scudder very much when he said, ''You are one of us and I am voicing the feelings of all when I join the prayer that you may be spared many more years for the Service of our Country.''

Just before the close of the special ceremony an announcement was made in the form of a message of congratulation to Dr. Scudder. It came from Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudiliar, Vice-Chancellor of the Madras University, that Madras University Syndicate had decided to grant the College permanent affiliation with the University.

"Looking Ahead"

A devotional message given at Guelph Presbyterial annual meeting by Mrs. Hewer.

WE look back and are not entirely satisfied. We regret many happenings in Church and State. We have done things which would have been better left undone and we have neglected opportunities and privileges for service. But now we are looking forward to what may happen in the years to come.

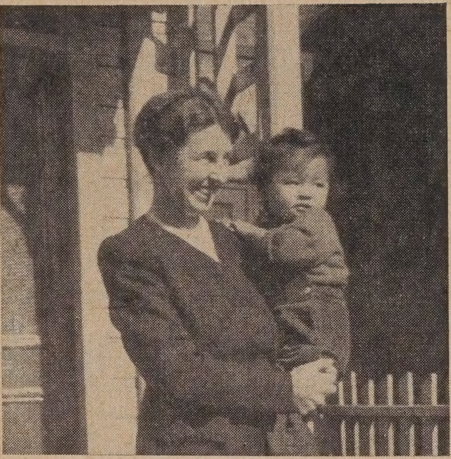
One of the greatest privileges afforded us in this life is its many opportunities of beginning again. There is not an hour in which we cannot find a suitable place to make a fresh start. It is with a sense of gratitude we come to the close of another year calmed by the thought that in the Providence of God we may write off the errors of the past and resolve to do better in the future.

Everyday has a fresh beginning,
Every morn is the world made new.
You who are weary of sorrow and sinning
Here is a beautiful hope for you
A hope for me and a hope for you.

All the past things are past and over
The tasks are done and the tears are shed;
Yesterday's errors let yesterday cover
Yesterday's wounds which smarted and bled
Are healed with the healing which night has shed.

What policy will we women pursue in the coming year? We are living in an age of speed not only in transportation but in accomplishments. There are so many things to do and our days are so full that at times there is a clutter — a confused movement with almost a loss of self-expression. We are so concerned about ''what we shall eat, what we shall drink and wherewithal shall we be clothed'' and how to find time to go to all the places to which we desire to go. But we must learn to put first things first. Life at its longest is brief and is not meant to be doleful on the one hand or frivolous on the other. But life is meant to be earnest, purposeful, and courageous. There is however, need of haste in our efforts to obey the command of Christ, to tell the story of His Redeeming Love, to all who know it not. The forces of evil are alert and we must work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work. The night cometh and when darkness falls if we have served ourselves and our own ambitions only, no matter how long the day has been life is lacking of its true fulfilment. But however short the day has been if the purposes of God have laid hold of us life is complete.

Our Work in Chinese Centres



Miss Ruth Yeandle and Deidre.

WHILE we were at the Pacific coast we had a wonderful time in our visits to our two Chinese centres. You will recall that Miss Yeandle, the director of the Centre in Vancouver, wrote of the Thanksgiving gathering there last October. At the time her article came in we prepared an account of our impressions of that centre but lack of space prevented us from putting it with Miss Yeandle's story in the December issue. We use it here and you will remember as you read it that we had been in attendance at the Thanksgiving service mentioned.

The tone of the work at the Chinese centre in Vancouver was suggested in different ways by both Miss Pelton and Miss Matthews at that Thanksgiving service. Miss Pelton in brief greetings, recalled her visit in China a year ago. She spoke of the children who had been two years in their Church School and were able to sing hymns for her, and sing those hymns in three languages. She spoke of the Chinese man who had stated that it was not the colour of skin that mattered in Christian fellowship, but the love of God in the hearts of men. She hoped that the Chinese in Canada would do all in their power to make possible the knowledge of the love of God to their people back in war-torn China. Miss Matthews stressed the part the Chinese in Canada can play in spreading the Gospel. They can show their thanksgiving to God by bringing others in this land to Christ and by sharing the wealth that Canada provides, and by sending missionaries to teach those who have not yet heard the Word.

The Chinese Presbyterian Church which provides Christian teaching and inspiration for many Chinese in Vancouver, is situated in the midst of a large Chinese district. The building includes a chapel, a large school room, and several smaller rooms. On five days of the week, should you visit the Church in the morning, you would find approximately 50 children from the ages 2 to 6 having a happy time together in the large room which has been fitted to accommodate anything from classrooms to basketball games and social gatherings. The children impress you at once with the cleanliness of their attire, and with the happy smiles on their faces. Everything is not quiet and peaceful by any means. They play their games, sing their songs, yes and even have their disagreements among themselves. While the director and her assistants do not attempt to curb the happy time they have in the gayer moments of their morning at the school, they gently, but firmly teach these children how to settle their differences happily. The teaching process is going on in everything the children do and the inspiration of these nursery schools is to see how all lessons can be related to Christian teaching. The directors are conscious that continually they are putting before these children, small as some of them are, the name of Jesus, the gifts of God, the way that they must act, if they expect love and consideration from their playmates. The methods used are common to all schools where small children are taught.

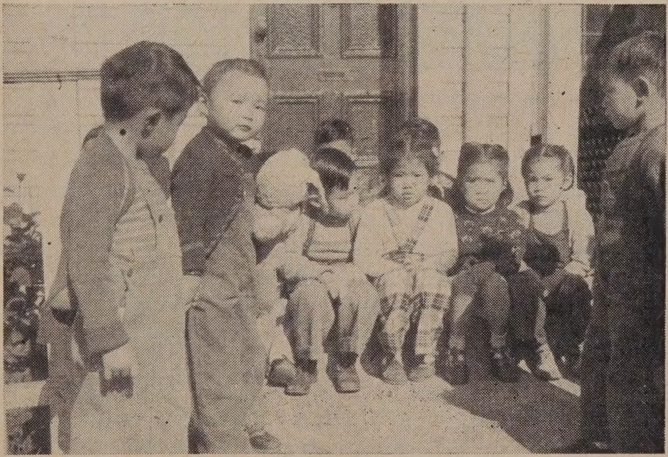
Miss Ruth Yeandle Reg.N. is the director of the nursery school which our Society provides. Each morning she calls for many of the 58 students now on the roll, and drives them to the church. To say that Miss Yeandle is interested in the progress these children make is putting her feeling much too mildly. Interested she is, but the interest is born of a love for her charges. That is seen in the quick interest she takes in all their activities. In one drive with her as she took the children home at noon, we stopped several times: to ask a young woman how she was getting on at school, to greet a group of girls as they crossed the street, to ask a Chinese gentleman about the health of his wife, to urge a Chinese lady to come with her family to the "party" at the church.

Miss Grace Lee (left) and
Miss Gertrude Scott

Our fear at becoming involved in the traffic in busy Vancouver was forgotten as we watched the every day tasks being done with a human touch to each one. These same characteristics, of interest and love apply to Miss Susan Yeung and Miss Annie Wilson who assist Miss Yeandle at the centre. Miss Yeung came to Canada from China six years ago. There she was trained as a kindergarten teacher at Ling Nam University, Canton. She speaks three Chinese dialects so is able to reach all the women who have come to Vancouver. The Chinese ladies come regularly to the church to help look after the children as they are divided into their groups for hand work, story telling and classes. As one lady said: ''Teacher needs a hand'', and they are willing and glad to give that ''hand''.

Not all of the work at the Chinese church is done on week-day mornings. A Mission Band is conducted once a week and the women meet in their auxiliary. There are classes at the church for those who wish to study Chinese. These are conducted by the minister Reverend Y. N. Kwan and Miss Yeung five nights a week from 4.30-6. A class in English is offered three nights a week and this is a popular feature for those who are coming in to the country from their native land. The teachers are volunteers, Miss Yeandle assists if there is need for her services. The regular Sunday services are conducted each week and here again the regular staff and a staff of volunteers give leadership. Miss Wilson who is a trained musician leads the choir and plays for the singing. It was evident at the Thanksgiving service that much joy is obtained from the singing of hymns. Seldom have we seen a group of young people more enthusiastic about their singing. When we thanked the group for repeating a particular song a lad said: ''Don't thank us, the pleasure was all ours''. From the smile on his face I could quite believe that his pleasure was very real.

The Chinese Church in Vancouver has its problems just as there are problems in each one of our churches. There are those who put material pleasures ahead of their obligations to their church, those who forget the opportunities the Church has given them. The young people drift



A few of the Chinese Kindergartners pose for the visitor's camera.

sometimes. But if the gathering we witnessed was a sample of the happy times they enjoy singing God's praises and repeating His Holy Word, we hope that nothing may happen to change the spirit that prevails at the Chinese Centre in Vancouver. We hope that our workers may with our knowledge of their work and our prayers for it, lead more and more Chinese into fellowship with Jesus Christ and that they in their turn may help to spread the Gospel to their own land.

The work as it is described in the Vancouver centre is similar in the centres in Victoria, Toronto and Montreal. In Victoria we were entertained by the neat, handsome wee Chinese lads and lassies. When we commented to Miss Lee on their nice appearance, she agreed but stated that like all children, they had much to learn about getting along with each other. "When they first come, they think that all the toys belong to them. We have to teach them to share things and to enjoy sharing." Children who attend the kindergarten fill their combined study hall and playroom. The Chinese people themselves are doing more and more to improve the church building and property. In Victoria as in the other centres, much is being done to help those coming from China to find a place for themselves in the New World and both Miss Scott and Miss Lee, our workers there as well as the minister, give instruction in language study. The W.M.S. workers do this in addition to teaching the kindergarten and directing their women's, youths' and children's Church groups.

Miss McTavish with graduates of Chinese Kindergarten, Toronto.

We would like to remind you in discussing the Chinese centre that fine work is being carried on in Toronto by Miss McTavish and Miss Kong and in Montreal by Miss Judd and Mrs. Louie in the name of our Society. The Chinese in Montreal are hard at work finishing the building of the new church whose structure we saw last spring when we visited Montreal. During the summer, sufficient money has been raised to carry

Mrs. Louie and Miss Judd with Mr. Chan at the laying of the cornerstone of the Chinese Church, Montreal.

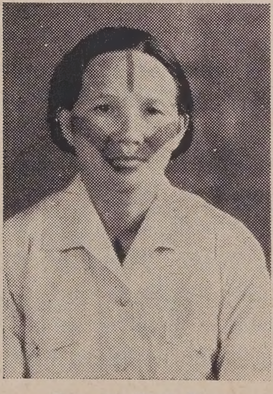
on with the original plan of building three storeys to the building and finishing the large gymnasium and playroom which will give all age groups a fine place to carry on their work. The chapel will have to wait for its completion until further funds are raised. Miss Judd is looking forward to having an attractive kindergarten in that new building. We were greatly interested in the language study being carried on there. Miss Judd told us of the many young Chinese men who are attending their classes and who also attend church and Sunday School services. She says that many like to practise their reading by first reading from the simple English mission stories supplied from our office and how they continue their study by reading the Bible in English. Classes have become so large that a reorganization of them is necessary in order to properly accommodate them all. Mrs. Louie does an excellent service as an interpreter for Chinese women who need help in hospitals or industry from time to time. Miss Lee and Miss Yeung also perform this service.

In these two issues we have given you a brief glimpse of three types of our work — Indian, Children's Centres and Chinese. There are other phases of our National Work such as the Port and deaconess work. We will be hearing about them and telling about them in days to come. We indeed have in Canada a great opportunity to teach the Word of God and the Love of Christ.

Formosa in the News!

FORMOSA has been and still is in the news from a political point of view. We, who are interested in the welfare of the beautiful island in the Pacific where many of our missionaries have been working with the native Christians to make the Gospel known to all there, have been interested in any information about them. There has been very little to satisfy us until recently an article in an internationally known magazine gave us great pleasure. The coloured pictures of the land are lovely but what was more important to us was the fact that some of the information for the article was supplied by Mrs. James Dickson. Mrs. Li Goat-Kiau was pictured, holding her grandson and the footline stated that she had acted as guide for the reporters. The magazine was the *National Geographic.* If you are interested, borrow the February copy from a friend and turn to page 145 for the story and a treat in coloured photography.

You will no doubt remember that Mrs. Li Goat-Kiau was the subject of an article written by Mr. James Dickson which appeared in *Glad Tidings* July-August, 1949. The native lady is a leader among her people on the West Coast. It was she who helped our missionaries teach the Gospel message by acting as interpreter on their first visit. On their second visit she became a Christian and following that went to Taipeh to study that she might enter full Christian service. It was to this native Christian that the writers of the *National Georgraphic* went when they wanted guidance for their story about her people. Here again is evidence that our Christian missionary effort gives to the people who will be taught, knowledge and powers of leadership, besides making each converted individual a member of the Kingdom of God.



Mrs. Li-Goat Kiau

Mrs. James Dickson

To-day and To-morrow in Canadian Mission Lands

A summary of the fifth annual meeting of the Canadian Overseas Missions Council.

THE unsettled condition of the world, the struggle of the people of the Orient to decide between communism and Christianity as a philosophy in these changing days were the thoughts uppermost in the minds of the delegates to the Canadian Overseas Missions Council held at the end of January in Toronto.

The existing ideological struggle was most evident in the addresses made in an open meeting when five speakers, four of them native to the lands we are serving with our mission projects and Dr. Hillyer, Mission Secretary of the Baptist Church, and recently returned from serving in Bolivia, told of conditions existing now in Canadian mission lands. Reverend Mitsu K. Kawabe, graduate student in pedagogy, sociology and theology, described the situation in his native Japan. He spoke of the confusion that existed in the Japanese minds. Frustration, despair, disillusionment, are characteristics of the younger people who are living in a spiritual void. Buddhism, Shintoism has failed them. They are in a great darkness groping for light. ''There is a great spiritual hunger arising from confusion. It is a wonderful time to work among youth.'' If it is a wonderful time for the Christians, it is also a wonderful time for the communist teachers. ''Ten per cent of the soldiers coming back from prison of war camps in Russia are one hundred percent communists. The students attend chapel services in the morning and communist meetings at night''. Mr. Kawabe read from a statement of General Macarthur's to the Christian Church: ''The Christian Church never had such a chance in the past 500 years. Where there was one missionary, now send one hundred. The door will be open for another ten years.'' We could not escape the feeling that if we failed to meet this challenge in Japan, we might well fail all over the world, even here in Canada, that the materialistic world was fast closing about us. If we are to convince the Japanese students that their morning meetings at chapel meant more than their evening communist meetings, we must do more than merely talk and write about our faith. We must live it.

Reverend K. C. Joseph, Deacon in the Syrian Church, South India, gave us a more confident feeling about the future of our Cause in India than we had had for a long time. The Christian Gospel has made progress in India in the last hundred years, Deacon Joseph said. There are ten million Christians living among three hundred and thirty-two million non-Christians, but many of those Christians have been given places of responsibility in government posts and in medical and educational institutions. Christian missionaries are opposed by a highly developed non-Christian culture, one that resents interference. The Hindoos and Moslems recognize Jesus as one of the great prophets of history. They must see in the exponents of His Truth, that which will challenge them to accept Him as their Saviour. It is a tribute to the Christian missionaries and to the progress already made by Christianity that the new Indian government has allowed complete religious freedom to exist throughout the country.

Dr. Helen Hanson of St. Luke's College India, spoke of the medical work being done by the Christian Church in her native land. ''All the medical work owes its beginning to a few early medical missionaries'', said Dr. Hanson. She spoke briefly of the history of medical development, of the two great medical colleges which now train both men and women to be doctors. There is still great need for more medical missionaries. Many of the British doctors and nurses returned to their homeland when the British regime ended. They are missing them greatly. Dr. Hanson completed her remarks with the statement: ''India needs real Christians, not denominationally minded people.''

Reverend Joseph Ohm, minister from Korea was the next speaker on the intensely interesting programme. The picture of Korea as a divided country was emphasized by Mr. Ohm's statement that he, in the south of the country was entirely separated from his parents and brothers in the north. He could not correspond with them or visit them for they were in the area controlled by the communists. Here again is the problem of Christianity versus atheistic materialism. Mr. Ohm sketched the history of the Church in his country. It was interesting to know that the first missionaries there had been Koreans who had come in contact with missionaries in China and had carried the Gospel back to their own people. A little over fifty years ago, Canadian Presbyterian missionaries first went to Korea. There working with American Presbyterians, the Korean Presbyterian Church was formed. It is one of the strongest Churches there now. Mr. Ohm told some of the characteristics of the Korean Church: it is carrying on a strong temperance programme; every child brings his own Bible and Hymn Book to church; there are many students in attendance at the services; prayer life is taken very seriously in these days of precarious economic and social conditions. The need for enthusiastic missionaries is very great at this time. A strong missionary programme could become the foundation of a new Korea.

Reverend Franklin Wu, a minister from West China read a message directed to Mission Boards from Chinese Christians. The message stated that the situation there was being studied and that plans were being made to carry on the preaching and teaching of the Christian faith.

The addresses from abroad were concluded by Dr. Hillyer, recently returned from Bolivia. "There is a large liberty-loving intelligentsia in every country in South America. This group wants democracy but is powerless to obtain it in view of the strong military powers in control and in view of the great number of illiterate people. Speaking of the Indians in South America, Dr. Hillyer stated that the official church has done nothing to help them rise from their poverty and ignorance. The worst living conditions in the world exist among the workers in agriculture. It is a fertile ground for communism. In spite of the great opposition and even persecution which must be faced, the Protestant Church is making its message meaningful. Employers ask for Protestant Christians because they know they have been taught to be honest. The martyrs killed in the riot which took place recently in Bolivia have not died in vain. There has been a renewed loyalty to the Protestant Church as a result. Opportunities are opening up faster than there are missionaries to meet the need. Dr. Hillyer concluded his statement by making reference to the new radio station which he helped to establish in La Paz. It is the property of the Canadian Baptists and from it there are daily broadcasts to six states of South America.

The needs of the mission lands was made very plain. In the discussion periods at other sessions of the C.O.M.C., ways and means of meeting these needs was discussed. There are agencies supported by Canadian Mission boards which are now serving people in various lands. The various departments of the Foreign Missions Council, the parent of the Canadian Missions Council, are among those groups which need continued support to carry on the increasingly great and difficult job. The Literacy and Literature Committee, Agricultural Missions, Inc., the Vellore Committee and the Japan International Christian University were reviewed and discussed.

New emphasis in overseas missions were mentioned by Reverend D. H. Gallagher. It was an interesting survey and we pass on to you those things he mentioned. Missions are more expensive. Missionaries are being sent out for shorter terms and their expenses generally are higher. More stress is being placed on literacy programmes, three fifths of the world are illiterate and much attention is being given the Laubach method of each one teach one and win one. Audio-visual aids are used more often. Modern transportation is more efficient the airplane can reach those areas which heretofor have been inaccessible. Training is a matter of prime importance, a greater understanding of the receiving countries is needed. Christian missionaries must be willing to work under native leaders. Surveys are being made of certain untaught areas where Boards working together can best carry the Gospel.

The main speaker at the Canadian Overseas Missions Council was Dr. Leslie Sayre of New York, Secretary and Editor of the Adult Division of the Missionary Education Movement. It would be impossible to put on paper the contribution made by one who knows much about the techniques of presenting the missionary cause to men and women who are responsible for paying the monies needed to keep that cause in the forefront of the world. Dr. Sayre, a veteran of the mission field, is keenly aware of the necessity of keeping missions alive and growing. His keen insight, his experience, his captivating personality, all combined to convey to his audience some new thoughts on how people like you and me can be made intensely interested in missions. We might tell you that he said it was a matter of having a good programme, having a knowledge of the work, using the proper guide books (he gave a few pep talks for the books published by his own organization) but it would not tell the whole story. He gave us more than that. He showed what can be done when individuals are willing to give of their best under God's guidance, to promote mission study and mission support. We came away from his sessions feeling that we had a hard job to do but God willing, we could do it.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

Special Offer to Auxiliaries!

HAVE you an Auxiliary Library? If you have not here is your opportunity to begin one. If you already have a library this will enable you to add to it at low cost.

Every Auxiliary should have a reference library of good books, books which tell of the countries where our missionaries serve and of the Christian Church around the world, as well as general books on missions, so that whatever the theme for the year may be there will be background material on hand for reference. Such books passed around among the members of the Auxiliary and congregation for reading should create a more intelligent interest in and understanding of the work of the Church throughout the world.

At the present time we have on hand a limited number of good basic books which should be on the shelves of Auxiliary Libraries rather than on ours. To encourage the setting up of Auxiliary Libraries we are offering an "Auxiliary Library Packet" for $2.00, the regular selling price of which would amount to at least $4.00. Each packet will contain at least four books, an assortment containing one general book and the others on a variety of mission lands.

If you have an Auxiliary Library and state the books you have in it we shall do our best not to duplicate those you already have.

When ordering state whether the packet is for a young Women's, Evening or Senior Auxiliary Library. As there are only a limited number of packets available we suggest that you order early. These packets can only be secured direct from *The Literature Department*, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ontario.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

EASTER

Service of Worship

Call to Worship:

> "And as they went to tell his disciples, Behold, Jesus met them saying, All Hail. And they came and held him by the feet and worshipped him." St. Matthew 28: 9.

Hymn No. 323—"Jesus stand among us." Tune Bemarton.

Let us adore Him for His sacrifice on the Cross for us:

> "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." Is. 53: 5, 6.

Silent Meditation.

Hymn No. 192—"When I survey the wondrous Cross."
(To be sung as a prayer.) Tune Communion

Let us worship Him who said:

> "I am He that liveth and was dead; and behold I am alive for evermore." Rev. 1: 18.
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> "I came that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." St. John 10: 10.

Silent Meditation.

Hymn No. 220—"The day of Resurrection." Tune Ellacombe.

Let us Praise Him who is our Risen Saviour:

"Seeing then that we have a great high priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us, therefore, come boldly to the Throne of Grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4: 14-16.

Prayer:—Gracious Heavenly Father, we are lost in wonder, love and praise when we consider Thy boundless love and mercy toward us. We rejoice in the gift of life eternal through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. We thank Thee for His resurrection, His present intercessory work on our behalf; for the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth, and for the hope of glory. At this holy season we pray that our love for Thee may be rekindled, our devotion to Thy service more stedfast. Give to us, O Lord, such a vision that we may be willing to give ourselves and our substance to the sowing of the precious seed of the Gospel of the Kingdom before it is too late. Accept our praise, we beseech Thee, our Father, and grant us the needed grace to do Thy will in all things. Amen.

As the little company of women journeyed to the tomb, the thought of Jesus' resurrection was far from their minds, but to them was given the joy of receiving the glad tidings "He is not here, for he is risen." It was to this same small group of women Jesus said "All Hail", or "rejoice." These women were bidden by the angel to "Come and see" and "go" and "tell". The order is the same today. We must have the good news in our own hearts before we can go and tell others. The first announcement of the Resurrection, and the first to worship their Risen Lord were these women. Surely, this thought should inspire us to a deeper sense of the trust that is ours today with many voices calling for help to proclaim the good news that "God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Hymn No. 579—"Go labour on; spend and be spent." Tune: Ernan.

—*E. May Harraden.*

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

"Your Career"

WHEN you are looking toward the future and giving careful, consideration to what type of work you are best suited, have you considered joining the staff of the Women's Missionary Society? Our Society offers many challenging and rewarding opportunities for service. Are you interested in people, children, teen-agers, young women and adults—then there are many positions that would interest you.

To have your Senior Matriculation is almost a "must" in these days. Then if you spend a year at Normal School, even teach for a year, then you have an excellent background for specializing in Children's Work or for a Field Secretary for work with young people, teen-agers, girls or children.

You have no doubt heard of "Westminster House", Toronto, the training school for young women in full-time Christian service. Your Senior Matriculation or its equivalent, a certificate in music or from a business college, would be necessary to enter the three-year course. If you are a graduate nurse or have a university degree a shorter course might be arranged. The positions we are considering here are for work only in Canada.

We have of course, only touched briefly the opportunities available within the Women's Missionary Society. The great advantage of this vocation is the knowledge that one is performing a great and needed service and the opportunity to use almost every gift, and skill that you as a young woman may possess or acquire.

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

A letter from Miss Margaret Webster

Dear Leaders and Girls

IT is a privilege to be able to write to Presbyterian leaders and girls again through the page of the *Glad Tidings.* I still look back with joy on the time which I spent as Presbyterian Girls' Work Secretary. I am glad that I may still have a share in this work in my present position as Associate Secretary of the Department of Christian Education of the Canadian Council of Churches.

This new position brings me into contact, not only with our own Presbyterian Church, but also with other branches of the Church of Jesus Christ. More and more I realize what a privilege it is to be a part of the great universal Christian Church. It is a privilege that comes to each of us, if we will only recognize it. I should like to tell you the story of one group's activities. Perhaps it will give you some ideas to try in your own group.

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Swish, swash . . . swish, swash . . . went the broom across the floor.

''Now look, Jane'', shouted Marion, ''please . . . please don't raise too much dust. Ruth and I are doing our best to get these windows and frames clean. If you're not careful we'll have to do it all over again when you're finished. . . . And further, don't knock over this chair we're standing on. . . .''

''Say, Marion, your nerves must be bad. I'm being so careful with this sweeping that scarcely a speck of dust is rising. Now, you don't hear Marilyn and Joy complaining about it . . . but listen, to soothe your nerves why not sing—or whistle, maybe.

''Whistle while you work. . . .''

The chorus was picked up gaily by ten voices—and the work went on apace.

Before long there were new curtains hanging on the shining windows, the library in the corner looked quite like a professional one—with glistening, white lettering on the back of each book, and there was a ''wet paint'' sign placed carefully in front of a collection of small but fascinating furniture—two tables and somewhere in the neighbourhood of fifteen chairs.

This group of girls was making its contribution towards the work of its church. The whole project had begun in the early fall. The girls had been out on a hike. Conversation drifted around to the subject of group programme. Suggestions were flying in all directions. Finally Joy had said: ''Well, your ideas are all good—the only trouble is that I don't know how we'd ever pick and choose among so many ideas. If you ask me, though, I think we should be doing a more serious job this year. After all, we're growing old, you know. We ought to grow out of some of this kid stuff. I've been thinking, ever since we had Mr. MacLean talk to our group last spring, that we should be doing something to find out more about our church, and more to help it too.'' ''My, that was quite a speech'', Marion had teased, ''But I think Joy's right. Couldn't we plan our whole year around our own church?''

That was how it had begun. They had wanted to do a photography project first. They had specialized in pictures of the church—and they had done a good job of taking both out-door and in-door pictures. They had even tried a portrait of the minister. The group photograph album had gone the rounds of the whole church.

Their Bible study had been on ''The Disciples'', and they studied it with particular thought towards the contribution which the early disciples had made to the Christian Church, and the contribution which disciples to-day may make.

At Christmas time the minister had helped them by providing the names of a family to whom a Christmas box might be sent, and of several shut-ins who would appreciate the group's carol-singing and Christmas favours.

Their first project in the New Year had been the mission study *Tales From Japan.* The girls had discussed our relationships towards the Christian Church in Japan—and in other countries around the world.

After their service of affiliation with the Women's Missionary Society, towards the end of February, they had had a party for the Explorer group in the church. They had still not stopped talking about the amount of food that juniors can devour!

Now they had turned to their spring cleaning project, to take their share in making their church more beautiful and useful. Before Easter they plan to have the minister share in a discussion on church membership. Finally they want a project in ''Church Vocations for Women.''

''Well, my arms and back ache dreadfully after all that scrubbing'', Jane sighed as she slumped into the most comfortable chair she could find at the end of the day. ''But it has been fun hasn't it?''

''Sure, it's been fun. What a difference it has made in the appearance of this room too — and I bet we'll not be one bit stiffer than we would be at the end of a bicycle hike.''

''No, and it makes you feel good to know you have a share in the work of our own church. I'm sure we'll be better church members after this year together!''

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, *Secretary*

Easter Programme

PICTURES, posters or decorations to give a worshipful Easter atmosphere. Hymn 735. One child sings verses 5, 6, 7, and 8. The rest of the children join in the chorus.

This is Eastertime. How would you all like to take a journey to Japan for Easter to the city of Osaka? The people we are going to visit are the Koreans who live in Japan. They have yellow faces and slanting eyes just like the Japanese but they are taller and their faces are long instead of round. Our missionaries from Canada, Dr. and Mrs. Young and Mr. and Mrs. Rumball, loved these people so much that they went all the way to Japan to tell these Korean men and women and boys and girls all about Jesus because they had never heard of Him. I am sure our missionaries will be glad to see us and the Korean girls and boys will like to show us their lovely new church. All these Korean people who learned about God from our missionaries did without many things so they could have a church where they could worship God. We can hear them singing. Let us enter quietly and join with them. We must take off our shoes and leave them with all the others at the door. They are singing "If I come to Jesus" (759, verses 1, 2, 3). These Korean boys and girls sing different words because they talk differently from what we do, but let us sing with them because the music is just the same. Now they are all talking at once and are saying many parts of God's Word which they have learned. Don't you wish you could repeat as much of the Bible as they can? I am sure you could if you tried. One of the parts they are repeating is from Mark 16: 1-8. Now let us hear one of you repeat this too (one child repeats passage).

Korean meetings are quite long and the girls and boys sit on the hard floor for a long time without anything to lean their backs against and they don't mind it a bit. I am afraid we would get tired so isn't it good that we are sitting at the back so we can rest against the wall? See how reverently all the Korean children have bowed their heads and how they all pray to God. I am sure they are thanking God for sending missionaries to tell them about Jesus. I think they are praying too for their minister, Mr. Wenchi Kim, who has gone all the way to Canada to study in Toronto. Let us bow our heads and pray for him too. Let us tell God how sorry we are that we don't do what He would like us to do and let us thank Him for loving us so much. Let us ask God to send more missionaries to tell more Korean boys and girls about Jesus. I am sure there are other things you would like to pray for too. That lovely hymn they are singing now. I am sure we know it too, so let us sing it with them. It is "There is a green hill far away" (Hymn 734 verses 1 and 5). See if we can sing quietly and reverently as they are doing.

And now the service is over let us put on our shoes again and go along with some of these Korean children to their homes. I wonder if you see anything about these people who have been to church that is different from the others we see on the street. Yes of course, it is their happy, kind, smiling faces and the clean clothes they have on. You see, they just had to be clean to worship God. Ah, here we are at a Christian home. How clean it is and how kind all the people look who live in it. What a difference when Jesus lives in our homes and in our hearts.

Let us give our hearts to Him and let us give as much as we can so that more Korean boys and girls shall learn about Jesus and His love. (Offering.)

Let us be glad for all the girls and boys of all lands who know about Jesus and so let us sing a joyful song (Hymn 723).

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THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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KAMLOOPS-Okanagan Presbyterial—An interesting meeting was held by St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Armstrong, B.C. when the entire congregation as well as many from other churches were in attendance to hear Reverend John Elder of British Guiana, give an excellent illustrated lecture.

Victoria Presbyterial — St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Victoria, reported that one of their most interesting and successful meetings held last fall, was one at which Miss Lily Simpson, on furlough from India, was the speaker. An Honorary Life Membership was presented to Mrs. R. C. Dempsey, at present Presbyterial Press Secretary. She has served as treasurer of St. Andrew's Auxiliary for 18 years.

Westminster Presbyterial—Excellent reports of the year's work were heard at the annual meeting of the Robertson Auxiliary, Vancouver.

Mrs. Harry Pillar, for many years a faithful worker in the Women's Missionary Society and in the Church, died recently after a short illness. Mrs. Pillar was one of the 29 delegates from British Columbia to attend the reorganization meetings of the Women's Missionary Society in Toronto, June 11 and 12, 1925.

Friends and parents of the pupils of the Children's Centre, Vancouver, were entertained in Central Presbyterian Church, when the children presented their Christmas programme. A varied programme of carol singing, pantomime, songs, dramatization and rhythm band was appreciated by all present.

An In Memoriam service was held at the morning service of St. Stephen's Church, North Vancouver, when In Memoriam certificates presented by the members of the Senior Auxiliary, were unveiled by Reverend H. A. Berlis. Those being remembered were: Major Jessie A. Morrice, Mrs. W. B. Butchard and Mrs. Ben Evans.

ALBERTA

Mrs. M. S. Blackburn, Box 68,
Banff, Press Secretary

CALGARY Presbyterial — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Grace Presbyterian Church, at their final meeting for 1949, reported a year of achievement. Bales of clothing and quilts have been sent to the Indian schools. The Mission Band is thriving under the leadership of Mrs. J. B. Shaw. The children entertained their friends at a Christmas programme. Members of the Band are provided with refreshments by the Senior Auxiliary. This feature of their meetings has been a popular one. Under the Welcome and Welfare convenership of Mrs. Wm. Buchan, hospital patients have been visited regularly and strangers welcomed to our community. Mrs. J. H. Jamieson conducts a monthly ''Watch Tower'' programme, reporting items of missionary interest.

The Auxiliary of North Hill Church, held a Thank-offering meeting recently at which Miss Margaret Boyd, deaconess at Chalmers Church, was the speaker. Mrs. William Gilbert presided at the meeting. The Explorer group under the direction of Miss Jacqueline Clarke contributed a musical selection to the programme.

Red Deer Presbyterial—The annual meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary at Carstairs revealed that 1949 had been an exceedingly good year. The allocation was over subscribed. The Home Helpers Secretary reported 30 members who had been liberal in their support. The Supply Secretary had supervised the sending of 4 large gift boxes.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. Jay Watson, Box 1056,
Weyburn, Press Secretary

PRINCE Albert Presbyterial — The Elena MacKay Evening Auxiliary, Tisdale, held a special meeting in December and were privileged to have Miss Ruby Walker as their guest speaker. Miss Walker stressed the importance of each officer's tasks. A general discussion followed on how our efforts and our prayers can help our missionaries abroad.

Regina Presbyterial — The annual meeting of the Women's Federation of First Presbyterian Church, Regina was held in the lecture hall of the church early in January. The meeting was preceded by a luncheon. Mrs. Robert Tate presided. All reports showed that 1949 had been busy and successful. The missionary allocation was more than met. Mrs. W. D. Joynt, the guest speaker, stressed the privileges and responsibilities before us all in the New Year.

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SUPERIOR Presbyterial — The annual meeting of the Executive of Superior Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William. Mrs. W. S. Nairn presided. Annual reports were very gratifying. Again the allocation was over-subscribed.

Reverend D. T. Evans was the speaker at the regular meeting of the St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Fort William. Mr. Evans, Assistant Superintendent of Western Missions spoke of the Christian education being done by our Church throughout the west. Reverend A. H. Johnston was also present and in conducting the installation of officers, spoke on Romans chapter 12. The annual reports showed that the Auxiliary had enjoyed a very satisfactory year.

Mrs. Austin Grant was re-elected president of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, Port Arthur. Rev. J. A. McMahon installed the officers and was the speaker at the meeting. His text was "What is that in thine hand" from Exodus 4:2-4. Very apt application was made to the ideals and work of the Women's Missionary Society and especially to the work of a small auxiliary.

Winnipeg Presbyterial — Women of the Presbyterian churches of Greater Winnipeg met in First Presbyterian Church for the annual prayer meeting. Mrs. Digby Wheeler of St. James was the chairman. Prayers were said by many of the women of the Presbyterial. Mrs. Alec MacKay was the speaker. She spoke of the promises in the Bible and said that no promise had gone unfulfilled. They are the same as in the time of the disciples. "Jesus said, 'ye shall be my witnesses'. Every disciple is a witness in what he does and what he thinks". She pointed out that Christians are different people. They have the hope of life eternal. "We have a power greater than that of the atomic bomb if we would only use it. We must be loyal and faithful witnesses wherever we are placed."

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial —The Jessie Clow Evening Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Owen Sound, was entertained by Mrs. Pearl Morris at their January meeting. This group makes exceptionally fine use of their *Glad Tidings*. Each month excerpts from the preceding month's copy are prepared and read by one appointed to do this task. General discussion on the items follows the reading. Mrs. Sefert was the guest speaker at this meeting. She likened our lives to precious jewels. "Let us save up our jewels of thought and of kindly feelings so that our lives may be precious gems in the sight of our Master."

Chatham Presbyterial — Miss Laura K. Pelton as guest speaker at the December meeting of the Laura K. Pelton Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, was received most enthusiastically. Guests were present from Leamington and from other Windsor auxiliaries.

In her Christmas message at the December meeting of the Senior Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Windsor, Mrs. J. B. McAlpine urged that "we make more room for the Lord Jesus in our everyday lives as we dedicate ourselves anew to His work."

At a recent meeting of the Duart Auxiliary, four of the members, speaking of

Formosa, showed the splendid way the native Church carried on during the war years. They told too of the eagerness with which the Gospel is received.

''God's Unfailing Goodness'', was the subject of Miss Charlotte Farris' address at the annual Thank-offering meeting of the Senior Auxiliary, Knox Church, Windsor.

The reports read at the annual meeting of the Senior Auxiliary, Mount Zion, Ridgetown, were very encouraging. The allocation was exceeded by a goodly sum.

To help rebuild Japan into a Christian nation is a great challenge for us to accept, said Mrs. Fred McKee in her address at a recent meeting of the Senior Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Windsor. ''There is no time to lose, the time is now''.

The Senior Auxiliary, Knox, Windsor, entertained the Mission Band at a Christmas party.

Hamilton Presbyterial — Miss Annie Ritchie presided over a well attended annual Prayer service held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton early in January. Mrs. Wm. Laing convened the service and Miss Grace Watson brought a message in which she counselled that: ''To walk with Jesus, we must abide with Him.''

Huron Presbyterial — Knox Church, Goderich, reports that twenty years of C.G.I.T. activity is being celebrated in that church. This year there are four groups and a membership of fifty girls. At Christmas time, the girls made Christmas gifts and enclosed them with cards, to seventy sick or shut-in people in the congregation. Miss B. Isaac, London was the guest speaker at their Christmas Vesper Service. The theme of her address was ''Happiness''. Her message was an incentive to every young girl present.

London Presbyterial — The Wilkie Evening Auxiliary of St. George's Church, London, held their Christmas meeting in the form of a party where members brought gifts for their Christmas bale. This young auxiliary is a great asset to our missionary family.

The Senior Auxiliary of St. George's held a delightful Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. S. J. Grosvenor. This auxiliary reports the largest number of Home Helpers in its history. It is due largely to the effort of one of our members who made forty-six visits among the Home Helpers.

Maitland Presbyterial—The January Executive meeting of Maitland Presbyterial was held at the Manse, Wingham. Mrs. Allen McAuley, Ripley, President, presided. Reports from the secretaries were given and all were most encouraging. Plans were made for the annual Presbyterial meeting which is to be held in Kincardine in May.

At the presentation of an ''In Memoriam'' certificate to Mr. W. J. McLeod in memory of his mother, the late Mrs. John Duncan McLeod, Kincardine, Mr. McLeod spoke of the interest his mother took in the *Glad Tidings.* After reading it herself, she passed it on to those who did not see it regularly. In order that this custom might be continued, he presented the auxiliary with a cheque to be used for *Glad Tidings* subscriptions for those who could not afford this worthy magazine.

Molesworth Auxiliary held a very successful Thank-offering meeting late in the autumn. Mrs. L. C. Jergenson of Bluevale was guest speaker.

Sarnia Presbyterial — Bear Creek Auxiliary held a meeting at which an illustrated lecture on the work in Formosa was the feature event. Mr. Otis

McGregor gave an illustrated lecture on the work in Formosa. The programme was deeply appreciated by the members of the auxiliary.

Reverend D. G. Seaton, newly inducted minister of Paterson Memorial Church, Sarnia, addressed the W.M.S. Auxiliary on the work of the student ministers in the Home Mission field. He stressed the great need for many more volunteers in this important branch of our Church's work.

Stratford Presbyterial — The annual meeting of Stratford Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, Stratford, January 10. Mrs. J. Erskine, Monkton, Presbyterial President, presided at the all day meeting. Mrs. H. Keefer, Toronto, guest speaker, took as her theme ''Advance''. ''We must advance in our work among the newcomers to our land. Workers are sorely needed in India, and new buildings are needed for our Chinese work. We can advance by adding members to our Society and by stimulating interest in our work. Stratford Presbyterial is to be commended on its vitality particularly in the fields of Library, Exchange, Home Helpers and Mission Band departments. The Presbyterial exceeded their allocation by a goodly sum.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

MRS. C. W. MCDONALD, 3983 BLOOR ST., R.R. 2, ISLINGTON, PRESS SECRETARY

THE annual meeting of the Synodical Society of Toronto and Kingston will be held on April 25, 26 and 27, in St. Andrew's Church, Belleville. The billeting secretary is Mrs. G. C. Barager, 239 Charles St., Belleville. Information about transportation may be obtained from Mrs. P. Ranson, 254 Briar Hill Ave., Toronto 12.

Kingston Presbyterial—Sympathy is extended to the members of Tweed and Deseronto Auxiliaries who report the death of two valued members, Mrs. Jennie Janes of Tweed and Miss Smyth of Deseronto.

Lindsay Presbyterial — Mrs. Cathcart, President of the Presbyterial, presided at a well attended annual meeting held in Lindsay, January 10th. Wick Mission Band received a picture of Dr. Jessie MacBean for highest standing in the Presbyterial, sixteen members being present at every meeting held during the year. A new Mission Band has been organized at Glenarm under the leadership of Mrs. W. G. Brown. The reports of the various departments gave evidence of a most successful year. The Presbyterial greatly exceeded the allocation. The guest speaker was the Reverend John Elder of British Guiana, who told of our work there and appealed for more missionaries and more fervent prayers that our missionaries may be fit vessels for our Master's service.

Peterborough Presbyterial — Peterborough Presbyterial Society re-elected Mrs. Robert McCulloch, R. R. 2, Campbellford, president for the third year in succession. Forty-four delegates attended the all day meeting at St. Paul's Church, Peterborough. It was reported that the 1949 allocation had been exceeded. Miss Frieda Matthews, National Executive Secretary, was guest speaker and described the need for expansion of Presbyterian missionary work both overseas and in the Dominion. A former Peterborough Normal School student, Miss Matthews has travelled throughout the Dominion and was able to tell of some of the work done in Western and Northern Canada.

The twentieth century was a great

testing time for the Church, she said. The opportunities for missionary work were great. In many overseas fields the Church was never sure how long its missionaries would be able to remain. The situation in Formosa was uncertain at the present time, but if the missionaries were forced to leave again, the Christian movement would still remain. A survey made in Formosa after the war revealed there were 2,000 Christians there with only two preachers to lead the people. Miss Matthews referred to the Moslem and Buddhist universities in India, where clever young men were being trained to oppose the Cross. There the Christion Church had a vast field to cover. In British Guiana missionaries were teaching in the schools. During the next three years the Presbyterian Church required seven new missionaries for Korea, Japan, Formosa and India, one doctor, one nurse trained in public health work and a graduate in home economics. Nationals were being brought into Canada from China to train as missionaries among their own people.

In Latin America the Church was adopting the policy of distributing Christian literature among the universities in order to reach those who would be going out into the professions. In China there was a need for much more Christian literature. For every leaflet published by the Church, 150 Communist leaflets were distributed. From a small beginning when $50.00 was allocated to missionary literature the Presbyterian Church had increased its output and today spent $5,000.00. This was still not an adequate sum, however.

There were still vast areas in Canada where there were no churches and no Christian leaders. The northern areas of all provinces were in great need of church workers to start groups which could eventually be carried on by the people living there. There was an area of 500 miles between Vancouver and Prince Rupert where there were, at present, no Presbyterian workers. The new housing areas were also creating another need, but the Church was short of ministers. If all the ministers graduating from Canadian universities next summer went to western Canada, they would still be unable to fill all the vacancies. This meant that deaconesses were being called upon to do work for which they were not trained. In the Kenora district there were children who had attended Christian schools and then returned home 40 miles away from the nearest church. Their only method of transportation was by boat and many of them slipped back into pagan habits and did not bother to travel the long distance.

The Mission Band banner was presented to Cobourg for the third time in succession. Norwood Mission Band had been worthy of mention, having shown a good missionary spirit and making all contributions through mite boxes and freewill offering. Bowmanville had had an excellent average attendance of nine at all meetings throughout the year, when only ten names had been on the roll. Cobourg, however, had appeared to have the most active Band.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

Mrs. Eric Larsen, Box 88,
South Mountain, Press Secretary

BROCKVILLE Presbyterial — The annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in Morrisburg, January 10th with Mrs. J. C. Ross, president, presiding. More than 65 women braved icy roads and sleet to be present. The opening devotion, led by Mrs. J. R. Miller of Iroquois, was both inspiring and practical. Miss Helen Horne, Recording Secretary of Council Executive, addressed the meeting on the Advance in the Women's Missionary Society in a convincing way. Reverend Harold Huestin, Morewood, Moderator of Presbytery, brought greetings. The treasurer, Mrs. George Montgomery, had a fine report which showed the allocation was met. Mrs. Eric Larsen of South Mountain was elected president. The installation service was conducted by Reverend H. P. Maitland. The semi-annual meeting in May is to be held in Prescott.

Treasurer's Statement

December 31st, 1949

RECEIPTS:

Rent from Missionary	$ 20.00
A Friend, "Christian Literature for Africa"	25.00
Mrs. Thos. Bell, Toronto	10.00
Miss Agnes Hislop, Services at Weyburn	12.40
From Peace Thanksgiving Fund, "Miss K. Sun's tuition fees and books"	156.59
Government Grant, Birtle Indian School	100.00
Government Grant, Cecilia Jeffrey School	180.00
Buena Vista Girls' Camp, "Miss Sherrick's Work"	9.00
Campbell Auxiliary, Woodstock, "Katherine Sun's Expenses"	18.00
Missionaries' Personal Account	255.00
Young Women's Guild, Kerrisdale Church, Vancouver	15.00
A Friend, "Evangelical Truth"	50.00
Feversham Ladies' Aid	10.00
Hospitalization Rates	26.00
Benalto Ladies' Aid	5.00
Synodical Societies:	
British Columbia	4,250.00
British Columbia, Supplies	45.50
Alberta	3,017.00
Alberta, Supplies	43.40
Saskatchewan	2,450.00
Saskatchewan, Supplies	38.55
Manitoba	2,186.27
Manitoba, Supplies	22.00
Hamilton and London	24,100.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	77.75
Toronto and Kingston	28,938.01
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	299.65
Montreal and Ottawa	12,235.00
Montreal and Ottawa, Supplies	200.25
	$78,795.37

DISBURSEMENTS:

Indian Schools:	
Birtle	$ 166.74
Birtle, Government Grant	3,101.05
Cecilia Jeffrey	158.55
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	3,950.90
Chinese in Canada	1,001.81
Deaconesses	872.28
St. Margaret's Centre	234.77
Children's Centres	360.22
Port Work	69.47
Organization	631.06
Supplies	973.64
Exchange	11.10
Publications	1,329.22
Administration	1,325.18
Life Membership	222.39
Deputation	118.95
India:	
Bhil Field	6,180.76
Jhansi Field	4,847.50
China	100.00
Formosa	300.00
Missionaries' Expenses	30.00
Christian Literature	75.00
Miss K. Sun	91.51
Visual Aids	881.15
Grants	375.00
Miscellaneous	5,201.00
Student	150.00
Council	40.00
	$32,799.25

TRUST FUNDS:

RECEIPTS:

Legacy Fund—	
Estate of Miss Jessie Davidson, through St. Andrew's Church Auxiliary, Guelph, ''Purchase of Medicine Hat Property''	$6,240.00
Estate of Miss Annie Jean McMichael, Brampton	200.00
Estate of Miss Elizabeth Cameron, Chesterville	1,877.42
Estate of Miss Maggie C. Morton, Hamilton	120.00
Estate of Mrs. Minnie McDonald, through St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Tillsonburg, ''Christian Literature and translation''	100.00
Estate of Miss Jean McMaster, through First Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's, Ontario	200.00
Estate of Miss Lily Lamb, through Knox Crescent, Kensington Auxiliary, Montreal, ''Alterations to Medicine Hat Property''	478.00
Estate of Mrs. E. B. Alport, through Orillia Auxiliary, ''Equipment, Medicine Hat Property''	300.00
Estate of Miss Mary Hutchinson, through Orillia Auxiliary, ''Equipment, Medicine Hat Property''	514.93
Estate of G. R. Lang, Edmonton	174.61
Estate of Miss Harriet E. Anderson	3,698.53
Payment on Windermere Property	25.00
Ernest Wylie Memorial Fund	350.00
Interest	326.81
Special Fund—	
Payment on Ukrainian Church Loan, Principal and Interest	200.45
Interest	170.35
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Interest	223.33
Pension Fund—	
Interest	450.96
Sustaining Fund—	
Interest	12.41
Overseas Fund—	
Interest	57.13
	$15,719.93

DISBURSEMENTS:

Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Miss Pongor (student)	$ 37.50
Miss Sun, Tuition fees and books	156.95
Legacy Fund—	
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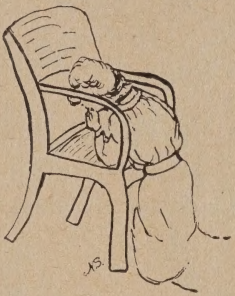

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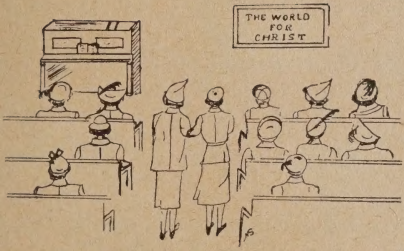

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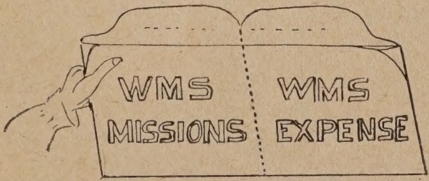

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The Life Everlasting

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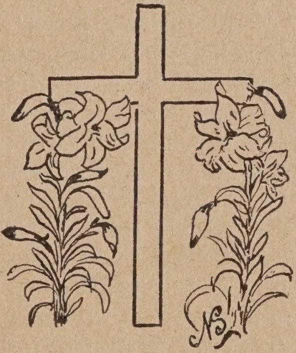


DURING the first World War an infantry battalion was waiting for the zero hour to advance. Their watches had all been synchronized and all waited impatiently as the seconds ticked away. One young officer turned to the padre and asked, "Padre, what do you think about the life everlasting?"

"I know the Creeds," he continued, "but I would like you to tell us as man to man why you believe there is a life after death."

This is a question that has been often asked, but perhaps the answer is one that many readers have never attempted. Sir George Adam Smith, one of Scotland's greatest religious leaders, complained about the seeming lack of interest on the part of both young and old in something that is one of the foundation stones of our Christian faith. Despite much indifference on our part there are moments in every person's life when we would like to know. But if anyone is looking for mathematical proof that is quite impossible to furnish.

Most of you are possibly aware that even in the lowest, most savage, human races there is a belief in a life beyond the grave. Each race has its own distinctive faith in a future life. Charles Darwin was noted for his scientific research and laid a wager that he could find savage tribes in the tangled forests of South America who had no such belief. But Darwin came back and acknowledged that he found evidence among them of some faith in a life beyond.

Let us remember, however, that despite the belief of such races in immortality there is a world of difference between their belief about the future and the Christian conception. We do not think of the Life

Everlasting simply as a prolongation of this life, it is a nobler, higher, holier and richer life in complete communion with God.

There are several other reasons why Christians are led to believe in the Life Everlasting. Some of these we might try to take together. There is in everyone of us a longing or desire for a completed life. Part of this longing comes from the feeling that the human soul has something in it that is imperishable. This belief goes deeper than mere selfishness, to which some attribute that feeling. It is all because we believe in a God of Love, a God who made us for Himself and these hearts of ours are restless until we find Him and thereby enter into life eternal.

We believe in the Life Everlasting because of that first Easter morning. The women, who had been last at the cross, were first at the tomb and were confronted with the Resurrected Christ. Christ's triumph over the tomb was not a solitary experience—Because Christ lives we too shall live—*Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

A great doctrinal preacher, R. W. Dale of Birmingham, England, was pacing his study one morning when suddenly the truth of the resurrection burst upon his mind with a fresh revelation. He Lives! He Lives! exclaimed the minister and from that moment there was a new power in all his utterances. Every life that catches that same vision will be transformed, reach greater assurance and we will become heirs of the Life Everlasting.

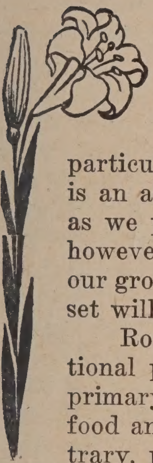
Our Duty

The great world's heart is aching, aching fiercely in the night,
And God alone can heal it, and God alone give light;
And the men to bear the message, and to speak the living word,
Are you and I my brothers and the millions that have heard.
Can we close our eyes to duty? Can we fold our hands at ease,
While the gates of night stand open to the pathways of the seas?
Can we shut up our compassions? Can we leave one prayer unsaid?
Till the world has heard the message: ''Christ is risen from the dead.''
We grovel among trifles and our spirits fret and toss,
While above us burns the vision of the Christ upon the Cross;
And the blood of God is streaming from His broken hands and side,
And the lips of God are saying: ''Tell my brother I have died''
Oh voice of God we hear Thee above the shocks of time,
Thine echoes roll around us, and the message is sublime,
No power of man can thwart us, no stronghold shall dismay,
When God commands obedience and love has led the way.

—*F. G. Scott.*

Spiritual Growth Through Our W.M.S. Programmes

BY MRS. PETER DE RUITER, LONDON, ONTARIO



IN the physical world where there is life there is constant growth. There should also be constant growth in the spiritual world if there is life: growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

When thinking of spiritual growth I am considering particularly the part we each take in our own meetings. There is an almost general feeling of having attained our full stature as we plan and execute our meetings. On closer examination, however, I am sure we can find means and methods of increasing our growth in spiritual things. We must *want* to grow or the goal set will never be attained.

Roots are the primary requisite for a plant and the devotional part of our meetings must be considered our roots—our primary requisite. If the plant roots are not given the proper food and light, we have a weak and pale specimen. On the contrary, proper feeding gives a vigorous growth and life to the plant. So many of our Societies try new and improper food, when the one and only food, our Bible, is often used so little. This must necessarily result in poorly balanced programmes; ineffective witness because of our lack of knowledge of God's will and promises; interest on the part of such a small percentage of our women; lack of systematic giving; hazy knowledge of our missionaries and our mission fields, which are white unto harvest; scarcity of workers, both at home and abroad; dearth of spontaneous, fervent, audible prayers, and no realization of the great *urgency* to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth NOW.

Devotional programmes, of course, must suit the needs of each group, according to size, country or city. They must all be planned in advance, so that those taking part can be fully and properly prepared. This is most important. The Call to Worship, prayer by the leader, and the singing of a hymn soon set our hearts and minds on spiritual things. The Scripture must be well read. The prayer must be sincere. This part of our programme, I feel, is our greatest weakness. Is it possible that it is because as individuals we fail to maintain daily communion with God, our source of strength? We can usually count on the fingers of one hand those women upon whom we may call to pray in our meetings. What an indictment! One remedy is to write out your prayer, memorize it if possible, or read it. Sit down to pray if it is easier, but never refuse to pray. Become accustomed to your own spoken voice. Trust the Lord to help you: He never fails. Pray for one another in this particular part of our testimony as Christians. Another way to help us to pray aloud is to have several take part, or all, as in sentence prayers. Each undertaking can be more successful if all take part and are interested.

The remainder of our Women's Missionary Society programmes can also become very routine and monotonous but it never needs to be lifeless if we are truly interested in the work of the extension of God's Kingdom. This part of our programme can be like the stem of the plant which will grow straight and strong as we give it opportunity to grow. The study books on *Our Commission,* China and Japan are most informing and challenging, but they will not be either to us if we do not study, listen or remember. One of the most effective ways to be interested in the programme of study is by means of individually owned copies. Mimeographed copies of questions on each chapter can be used very profitably for review, and then a complete review with one question given to each member. This makes a very definite contribution to our knowledge of our mission fields, its needs, and our own workers. (The group which used the Scripture Calendar used the above means of study.)

The business part of our meetings can usually be carried out quickly and in a spirit of love and understanding, because we have one object in view: the work must be done for His honour and glory.

Our daily lives will then surely be as the beauty of the leaves and the bloom of a beautiful plant, because our roots have been fed on the Word of God. We have great joy in our Christian lives as we grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Religious liberty was a subject of discussion at the annual meeting of the Western Section of the World Alliance of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches. The meeting was held in Niagara Falls, Ontario, about a week ago. It voiced alarm over the growing infringements on religious liberty in both North and South America. It urged that every effort be made to bring the several Reformed Churches south of the Rio Grande into fellowship with the Alliance in order to secure complete and accurate information on the status of religious liberty in Latin America. The Western Section of the World Alliance is composed of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches in the United States and Canada. The Canadian members are The Presbyterian Church in Canada and the United Church of Canada.—*World Church News.*

Koreans Calling

BY REVEREND J. ALLAN MUNRO, B.A., M.C.

Secretary of Board of Missions, Home Missions Department

Rev. J. A. Munro

WORD has just come from Japan that our veteran missionary, Rev. Dr. L. L. Young has died. Dr. and Mrs. Young returned to Japan last year to work among the Koreans, because of his long experience with the Korean people, his knowledge of the language, his understanding of the Japanese and the Koreans, and because the Koreans were most anxious to have his leadership. Dr. and Mrs. Young have been assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rumball who went to Japan in the early autumn of 1949. With the passing of Dr. Young, our attention is drawn again to the infant church of the Koreans in Japan.

The preaching of the Gospel should always be a matter of urgency with the Christian church. In the western, older, church, the spirit of urgency is often missing. It is true in wartime and during national and international disturbances, people should turn to the church and preaching does become more urgent. In the younger churches of the East, Christian habits have not yet become so fixed that the note of urgency has been lost, but even there, in recent years and in particular areas, the church has been working with great urgency because it realizes that the time is running out.

It can be truly said that in no area of the Orient should the preaching of the church be more urgent, more widespread and more effective than in Japan. With the signing of the Peace Treaty between Japan and the western powers, a new day will have dawned, a new era begun. It is difficult for the western world to realize what meaning lies in that fact. Only now, students of world affairs are beginning to realize the tremendous impact of changing ways in the Orient upon the western scheme of things. Japan will mean quite a different thing to the western world after the Treaty has been signed.

All of us are concerned with the work of the church in Japan. We pray God that the means of strengthening the Christian church will be forthcoming, and that the great question which has dominated the thinking of the Japanese people will fade out and be obliterated by the answer the Gospel gives.

Our own responsibility in Japan is not with the Japanese (though our great concern is for them)' but with the Koreans living in Japan. The population of the Koreans in Japan is estimated between 700,000 and 1,000,000. It has been stated in a recent magazine that this is the core of the Communist Party in Japan. Certainly the poverty of the Koreans in Japan and their undesirable situation within the economy of Japan could easily thrust them into Communistic thinking. At the conclusion of the war, the Koreans organized themselves into a society. The leadership of this society was so strongly Communistic that General Macarthur ordered the society to disband. Later on, a new Korean society was formed, this time strongly influenced by the Christian church. While the membership of this society is largely non-Christian, it feels that it needs the church and is greatly concerned with the church's message.

This infant church amongst the Koreans in Japan is almost a miracle church. It is not a part of the Japanese church. It is only loosely associated with the church in Korea, and has depended upon The Presbyterian Church in Canada for its development. The congregations are not large. The largest congregation is in Osaka and has 200 members. The church in Osaka which was built last year has a congregation of 35 members; 15 families; a Sunday School of 50 children; 10 in the Y.P.S.; and 1 elder. Dr. Kerr, who is head of the Department of Religion and Culture in Japan, said that this congregation out of its poverty, raised more money than any Japanese Christian congregation has ever raised. The miracle is that after our missionaries were withdrawn at the outbreak of war and of necessity, our support withheld, the Korean church maintained itself, and came out of the war years with faith in its future, and an urgent desire to reach out to the non-Christian Korean community.

The suffering of the Korean church in Japan has not been told to our church. Prior to the war, there were 48 congregations in the Korean church. It was a devout church and a missionary church. Bombing and the fortunes of war left to the church only 4 buildings at the conclusion of war. The terrible loss thus incurred can only be understood against the dire poverty of an outcast people. It is inconceivable that the Korean community of Christians can rebuild these churches, yet here and there through the cities of Japan, brave congregations have begun the task of rebuilding. One of the three congregations in Osaka has rebuilt. This is the structure which was in the building stage when the delegation visited Osaka. It is the only congregation which has been helped to rebuild by The Presbyterian Church in Canada. So far, no building aid has been given to any other congregation.

It should be noted here that the Japanese church has received aid through the agencies of the World Council of Churches. The Japanese also have had tremendous help in the way of clothing and foodstuffs from the L.A.R.A. The delegation was taken to tremendous warehouses in Yokohama by Dr. Bott who was in charge of relief. Dr. Bott explained that this relief was for Japanese communities and lamented the fact that none of it had come from Canada and none of it was destined for the use of the Koreans in Japan. The Presbyterian Church in Canada has been generous in its aid to Europe in the matter of rebuilding bombed churches and in the supply of clothing. Surely we should feel some responsibility for our own infant mission amongst the Koreans in Japan.

The ranks of the ministry were hopelessly depleted as were the buildings of the church. At the present time, there are only three ordained ministers and five non-ordained pastors. It is encouraging to know that since the war stopped, a fine group of young men entered upon their studies in preparation for the ministry. Strong appeal was made to the mother church in Canada to send out missionaries greatly needed to give leadership, instruction, encouragement to the local congregations, and to act as liaison with the Japanese and occupying power.

The Korean Christians feel that they have an unparalleled opportunity now to preach the Gospel to their own non-Christian nationals. They know that the choice lies between Communism and Christianity. They know that this is an unequal choice. They have looked across the waters to China, and they realize that their church must be strong, must be very deeply rooted, must be endowed with great Power from on High, if it is to survive the years ahead.

The Story of Our W.M.S. Deaconesses

As told in Annual Reports sent to the National Executive Secretary

Miss I. Scott, Secretary to the Superintendent of Western Missions

Miss Isabel Scott

IN reviewing the work of the year just past one is conscious of the mercy and love of our Heavenly Father who has provided the needed grace and strength to those of us who have been called to labour in His vineyard. With His direction and guiding power, we have been able to go forward.

Rev. J. A. Munro the Superintendent of Western Missions now the Associate Secretary of Home Missions has been absent from his office for long periods and the secretary has had to assume much responsibility and carry on with the work of the office during those periods. This has meant caring for the great quantities of correspondence, filing, bookkeeping and general routine office duties.

Leadership has been given to a branch Sunday School and a general visitation was made to the homes of the Sunday School scholars. A Mission Band was organized in January at this Sunday School and it has proved to be a successful venture. The boys and girls met each week during the winter and spring months and again in the fall. By early fall the attendance had increased to such an extent that the Band was divided into a Junior and Senior group. The members of the two groups conducted the worship service at the special Sunday School Christmas service when parents and friends were present and also at the general Sunday School entertainment.

Your deaconess presented the mission study project to the C.G.I.T. group of a local Church. During the fall term assistance was given to this group in the way of supervision and training of leaders. Your worker has also served on the Girls' Work Board of the city and has attended conferences relating to girls' and children's work.

Miss Margaret Boyd, Deaconess in Calgary

The first part of 1949 was spent in Flin Flon, Manitoba, where an endeavour was made to establish a work for the Presbyterian Church. Regular Sunday evening services were conducted in the auditorium of a new school which was situated in a new subdivision of the town. A survey of the district was made and many other people in the city were also contacted. There was an Explorer group organized and a Sunday School was started, though small in numbers. In conjunction with activities of the Flin Flon ministerial association, a weekly morning radio devotional period was my responsibility. There was also a weekly class in Religious Instruction conducted in one of the local schools. I had the pleasure of addressing the gathering of women on the World Day of Prayer. An address was also given in the Anglican Church at the Good Friday three-hour service.

Miss Margaret Boyd

Since June my work has been in Calgary in the new Chalmers Church in the north-east section of the city in a new housing area. A Sunday School was organized at the end of May. There are about 75 children enrolled, the majority of them under the age of 10. There have been a few special services held to which adults have been invited. During the summer a Daily Vacation Bible School was held with an enrolment of about 45 and an average attendance of 29. Mid-week activities include a boys' group, a Girls' Guild and a Mission Band.

In addition to the work at Chalmers, some time has been given to Pleasant Heights Church. I have acted as Superintendent of the Explorers Department and am leader in one of the parties. Help has been given in organizing and carrying on a Mission Band in this mission church.

Miss Marjorie MacKay, Kootenay Presbyterial

The most of my work during the first three months of the year was in Kimberley working with the Mission Band, Explorer Groups, Sunday School and the younger women's groups. A great deal of visiting was done in the new housing areas in Kimberley. Leadership Training classes were held each week from January to June. These classes have resulted in keenly interested Sunday School teachers and increased attendance at the Sunday School.

In April I attended Kootenay Presbyterial at Trail and also British Columbia Synodical at Victoria, where I was asked to tell of my work.

During the month of May I spent some time at Creston. While there I gave the address at the Auxiliary meeting.

Three camps were held at Wasa Lake with campers coming from six points in the Presbyterial. I directed the girls' camp and the last five days of the boys' camp when the Reverend N. Robertson, the director, found it necessary to return to his congregation at Creston. The children's camp had the largest attendance. At this camp I was the leader of the handcraft group.

During September the work was resumed at Kimberley and adding to the difficulties of work in Kimberley was the lack of a church building. The people offered their homes for the various meetings. One of the results of the girls' camp at Wasa was the organization of a Canadian Girls in Training group at Kimberley. The Explorer Group was reorganized and continues with success. During September I attended the Kootenay Presbytery meetings at Nelson and Council Meeting in Calgary.

Some time was spent at Creston in October organizing the Mission Band and I also gave some assistance in the Sunday School there. A visit was made to the Porthill Sunday School which is conducted by Reverend N. Robertson of Creston.

The last three months of the year a good deal of my time was spent at Cranbrook working with the children's groups and training leaders to assist with this work. Many visits were made to Kimberley.

Work on the new church building was started in the fall, and it is hoped it will be completed during this next summer. With the new building the work at Kimberley should receive a new impetus, as lack of proper facilities has hindered the work somewhat. Recently complete new areas have been opened up, resulting in a considerable increase in population. There should be excellent opportunities for service in the community by our Church when the church building is completed.

Miss Agnes Hislop, Deaconess in Manitoba and Saskatchewan

Miss Agnes Hislop

The report of Miss Agnes Hislop's work in the eight months of 1949 in which she was employed by the Women's Missionary Society, sounds a bit like a travelogue. As a preparation she began her work in the Society's offices in Toronto. During July and part of August, she served in camps at Kintail and Glen Mohr where she served as a leader. After the Council meeting Miss Hislop began work in the west under the direction of Miss Walker. In Regina, Assiniboia, Estevan, Kipling and Broadview, the children were the centre of attention, as Mission Band leaders were sought to lead the Bands in those areas. A girls' rally in Regina and the reorganization of a C.G.I.T. group in Weyburn; leadership in Sunday School in Broadview were some of the duties performed among the teen-age groups. In all places, the auxiliaries of the W.M.S. were visited. In Weyburn and Estevan the services of the deaconess were sought in the conduct of church services since there was no minister. As Miss Hislop looks ahead to a new year, she writes: ''In the year ahead, may God give patience and love that I might be a worthy instrument in His hands.''

Miss Margaret Allan, Deaconess in Hamilton

A deaconess in a large industrial city is never at a loss for some task to perform. When one reads the report of Miss Margaret Allan's year's work, one is aware of the countless duties large and small which a worker in such a place must do. In doing them, she is able to carry the knowledge of the love of God to hundreds of people who for one reason or another need the strength that Love gives. Displaced persons, strangers making a new home in the city, the sick in hospital and at home all have received Miss Allan's ministry. Many visits are made among the people of two congregations. The members of the W.M.S. auxiliaries and of teen-age and children's groups look to her for help and for guidance. Devotional addresses, talks on the work of the Society, preparation for the various group meetings, correspondence, telephone calls, packing bales and parcels of clothing must all be listed as very essential parts of Miss Allan's work month by month and year by year. She writes: ''Thinking of these things, the words of the Master come to me. 'I was hungry and ye fed me, naked and ye clothed me. I was sick and ye visited me, in prison and ye came unto me. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me'.''

Miss Margaret Allan

Miss Hilda Blackwell, Port Worker

The first passenger liner of the 1949 St. Lawrence shipping season docked at Montreal on April 20th, and the last passenger liner docked at Quebec on November 16th. During that period, I met forty-five ships at Montreal and thirteen at Quebec; and I have lost track of the number of times I have met boat trains carrying passengers who disembarked at Halifax.

Although Government statistics for the first six months of 1949 showed a decided decrease in the number of British immigrants to Canada as compared with the same period of 1948, there was a marked increase in the number of Displaced Persons brought to Canada. Figures

Miss Hilda Blackwell

are not yet available for the whole year, but the trend for the latter half of the year would probably remain comparatively the same. Nevertheless, it was a busy year for port workers as all ships were loaded to capacity with immigrants, visitors and returning Canadians. Often visitors and residents required aid due to the limited amount of currency they were allowed to carry because of British economic laws and Foreign Exchange Control Board regulations; and, of course, a few cases of misunderstandings when the necessary funds were not awaiting the travellers as they disembarked at Canadian ports. I was able to assist several women in such circumstances who would otherwise have been stranded in Montreal, and the majority of moneys so spent was returned to me, with the exception of that used for food parcels given to people travelling some distance.

From time to time we receive small donations for supplying needed articles for travellers despite my statement that we do not accept tips for our services. For instance, one young Australian couple, returning from a visit to England whom I assisted late at night to find a room when the hotels were filled, and who, due to the late docking of the ship, were unable to change their currency, left a note of appreciation and a dollar with the Travellers' Aid in Windsor Station for me because I had not given them my address and their train left before noon the next day.

I was allotted a room in the Immigration Building at Wolfe's Cove, Quebec, where the passengers disembark; but, although it is as good as any such accommodation available in that building, nevertheless, it is so far away from the ship's gangplank and the ramp to the trains, between which the Customs' Inspection is conducted, that it is not as convenient as a welfare room and nursery as I had anticipated. However, it serves very nicely as a store room for supplies sent to me for gifts which I distribute among the people whom I contact and assist there. I also carry a bag of small toys and copies of *The Glad Tidings* when I meet boat trains at the stations in Montreal and ships which dock at the various companies' sheds at the Montreal piers. It often happens that I do not have with me the things I would like to give to the people with whom I am working; but even a purse is too much to carry sometimes when playing nursemaid to fretting youngsters and helping elderly people to the Transfer buses.

The majority of the ships in the St. Lawrence service sail from Liverpool and, since the appointment of a port chaplain for our Church at that port by the Board of Missions, I have been supplied with a list of Presbyterian immigrants which arrives by air letter two or three days before the ship is due. I have tried to contact as many of these people as possible, but I cannot devote my entire time to this list as my attention is often called by Customs officers and baggage checkers to other passengers in distress. Reverend Mr. Kat at Liverpool tells the Presbyterians he contacts on the ships to look for me when they disembark.

During the winter months, when all ships dock at the port of Halifax for Customs inspection and Immigration, I am kept busy with meeting boat trains and serving as secretary to the Reverend H. R. Pickup, Director of Immigration for our Church.

In order to avoid delay in getting notices out to the Churches regarding the arrival of newcomers, I am now getting the names of immigrants who are indicated as Presbyterian, Church of Scotland, Protestant, Reformed or Evangelical. We have welcome letters to give out in English, Dutch, Hungarian, Ukrainian, Latvian and Estonian, the cost of printing of which was covered by a generous contribution this year from the Women's Missionary Society (Western Division). Several letters of appreciation received from Displaced Persons of different nationalities testify to the worth of this service.

Not all churches and auxiliaries have been co-operating by returning to us reports of visits made as requested on the information form sent out; but we assume they have endeavoured to make the call at the addresses given. Nevertheless, from the numerous reports and personal letters we have received, our opinion of the value of our service is confirmed; and we know that many new members and adherents have been gained by our Church in Canada through the personal contacts of the ministers and Welfare Secretaries.

Easter and Journey's End

I searched the world for calm content;
The search led high, the search led far;
It led to where a Baby lay
Beneath a radiant star.

I searched the world for living truth;
The search was broad, the search was long:
It led to Him beside the sea
Before a listening throng.

I searched the world for perfect love;
The search was deep, the search was wide;
It led me to a wind-swept hill,
To One they crucified.

I searched the world for joyous faith;
Into a garden led the way,
I found it at His empty tomb
On Resurrection Day!

B. C. Bays.

Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees

SINCE the end of the war, a great enterprise of inter-Church aid and service to refugees has been directed by the World Council of Churches. The Churches in the more favoured countries have given millions of dollars in cash and goods for the relief of the needy and for the rehabilitation of Church life and work in the war devasted lands.

The Churches in Canada have given through the Canadian Council of Churches about $325,000 in money, and over 400 tons of clothing, plus some $80,000 more for the packing and shipping charges on the latter. They have also made other large contributions through other channels.

The "first aid" stage of assistance to European Churches is now past; but the need for help will continue through the longer period of recuperation and recovery. These Churches have heroic and devoted leaders, and they are trying to do all they can themselves; but they face a very critical situation with most inadequate resources. They need help and they deserve help—especially for the support of the ministry, for the training of leaders, for the provision of Christian literature, for work among young people, for evangelism, and for service to refugees.

There are twelve to fourteen millions of refugees, expellees, evacuees, displaced persons, most of them without homes, without jobs, without prospects. They need shelter, food, clothing, educational facilities, welfare services, and spiritual care. Followers of Christ cannot ignore their desperate plight.

If there is to be a Christian recovery in Europe the European Churches must have help.

The Canadian Council of Churches is appealing to the Churches in Canada for a further sum of $100,000 this year for Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees.

Attention! All Young People

A great Youth Service of Witness will be held in Maple Leaf Gardens on Sunday, August 13, 1950 during the World Convention on Christian Education. Dr. C. W. Li of China will be the main speaker.

In China plans for a national Christian conference to be held in August were approved by the Executive Committee of the National Christian Council at a meeting held in Shanghai. Also approved were final plans to set up a national office in Peking to represent the interests of the Churches and Christian institutions throughout China. At this meeting, five of the seven missionary members of the Executive Committee submitted their resignations. This is in line with the general feeling that missionaries should now take a less active part in policy-making bodies. The report of the meeting by Religious News Service comes from Hong Kong.—*World Church News.*

The Story of "Evangelical Truth"

BY LEETA MCCULLY CHERRY

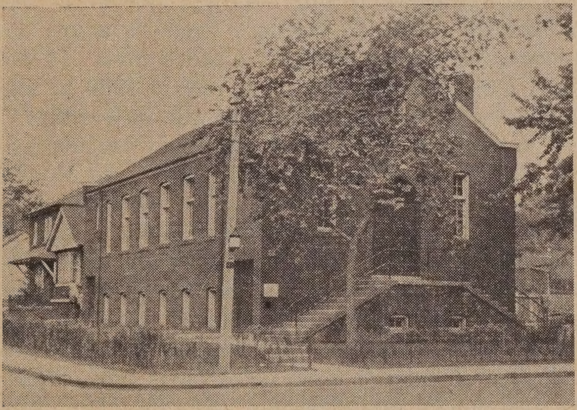
Rev. Michael and Mrs. Fesenko

HAVE you ever found your newspaper so precious that all day long you carried it around with you, wrapped up safely, and hidden in your handkerchief? Such a thing would be difficult to imagine here in Canada, I know, but in a D.P. Camp in Germany there is an old Ukrainian woman who does just that, fearful that, otherwise, she may lose her treasure because everyone else in that Refugee Camp wants to read that paper too—the good *Evangelical Truth,* the Christian newspaper in their own Ukrainian tongue which comes, with its living message of truth and hope, from a free land and from hearts which understand their spiritual hunger and need. Or, if you had to sell your ration-stamps to buy the postage for your letter, would you write to the Editor like this? ''Reading the back numbers of so valuable for us *Evangelical Truth,* I find the best spiritual satisfaction, because it presents religion confidently and without hysterics. I love to read it, and pray to Most High God that He may bless your work.'' It was a Ukrainian gentleman in a Refugee Camp in Italy, grateful and appreciative of the only Christian literature to come into his hands, who wrote that letter.

From France, a Christian woman writes, ''I do not know how to thank the Lord for your paper!'' A Russian scientist, long held in Germany, writes, ''We read with great interest the religious and literary contents of *Evangelical Truth.*'' Another reader asks that *Evangelical Truth* be sent to her brother, a Roman Catholic Priest, and manages to enclose a dollar for the subscription. When we realize that in Germany there are now thousands of refugees from Soviet Russia, who have never before had the opportunity to hear the Christian message, and also that in European D.P. Camps there are many hundreds of Reformed Ukrainian Refugees who have no Christian literature at all, except the copies of *Evangelical Truth* which go to them from Canada, surely it is not difficult to visualize the tremendous opportunity which lies before this excellent Christian newspaper in Overseas influence alone, to say nothing about its broad sphere of contact in Canada and the United States! Nor should it be difficult for us to grasp, as W.M.S. workers, how vital is our privilege to further this important Christian Ukrainian work, both through our strong financial support of *Evangelical Truth* and our understanding and prayerful remembrance of Rev. Michael Fesenko, the devoted and capable Editor, and his wife, who has always been his earnest assistant in every way. Every day the mail from Europe brings new requests and letters of thanks, and indeed from almost all parts of the world, because, before the war Ukrainian immigration was very widely spread, and now there are few countries in the world to which at least a few copies of *Evangelical Truth* do not find their way. Not one copy of the paper is lost in transit, and both in Europe and on this Continent, every copy passes through many interested hands for reading.

In Paraguay, there is a colony of about 4,000 Ukrainians, refugees who have known this good Ukrainian newspaper in Europe, but who now are entirely without Christian literature. From this group Mr. Fesenko has just received a letter asking for as many copies of *Evangelical Truth* as he can possibly supply. A Minister from another country asks that ten copies be sent to him each month. And so the story goes—constantly growing in its appeal, its need, and urgent responsibility. Whether these Ukrainian people, who have come through such soul-scarring experiences and still remain homeless and displaced, are to receive the comfort and help of this Christian publication in their own tongue is something which largely rests upon us to answer, because it is the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and each of us as individual members, who first made *Evangelical Truth* a possibility, and who must now continue faithfully to support it. True, for the past two years, the W.M.S. grant to *Evangelical Truth* has amounted to $1,000—the largest grant in the Estimates for Christian Literature—and great results have been accomplished with that money; much greater, indeed, than we can ever possibly know or realize. But there is need for more—much more—and whether we are doing all we can in this regard is something to which we might well give most careful thought and consideration.

In a letter to your Secretary, Mr. Fesenko writes—"Our paper is more a Missionary enterprise than anything else. Most of our copies are now sent to Ukrainian refugees in other countries. Hence our income from subscriptions is rather small. A number of copies also go free of charge to our missions in Canada. We send about 550 copies a month to Europe—Germany, Belgium, France, Italy, Holland and Austria; 100 copies to Australia; 100 to Paraguay, Argentina, and Brazil; and a few to other countries in South America. Quite a few go to U.S.A. Almost all of the refugees are destitute, and, though they are anxious to pay a subscription, are precluded from doing so either by local regulations, or lack of money. In view of that fact *Evangelical Truth* has to rely on outside support for its work. Just recently I received a letter of thanks from Ukrainian miners in England, all former D.Ps. They had received our paper, liked it, and asked for more copies. Because of restrictions, they cannot send subscriptions, but promise to do so at first opportunity. I am sending there 50 copies. Our paper is being read by many outstanding Ukrainian leaders and in this way we have a rare opportunity to present the challenge of Reformed Christian thought to men who have a great influence on the masses of our people. These are men who someday will be leaders again. Some of them will become Protestant and a great blessing to their country.



Ukrainian Presbyterian Church

Among these are members of the Ukrainian Government in Exile; Professors of leading Ukrainian Universities; Ukrainian Scientists with established reputation in Europe; leading political figures and many other influential thinkers. Some of these contribute articles to *Evangelical Truth* as well as read it. Some of these people we have in Canada too.''

How did this paper come to be? Well, that is an epic in itself! Mr. Fesenko says ''This work could not have developed at all but for the Women's Missionary Society. Without your good ladies, the paper would have stopped long ago. Now it is sowing the good seed in every land where my people are scattered.'' He speaks with deep feeling and appreciation of all the W.M.S. has done for him, and his people, not only in financial aid, but even more valuable still, in the sincere personal interest and contact which the W.M.S. has always maintained in his Church, his people, and his work. Very specially he tells of how much he owes to the Society which appointed to his work the young Ukrainian Deaconess who is now his wife, and an invaluable help in his work, as well as to all the Ukrainians in the district. It is she who is responsible for the English-language pages of *Evangelical Truth* as well as much other detail concerning its publication.

Rev. Michael Fesenko is himself a Cossack, born in the Northern Caucasus. It was while he was convener of the Evangelical students at a Czechoslovakian University that a visiting Professor from Princeton became interested in this clever young man and gave him an opportunity to come to Princeton and finish his course for the Ministry. His intention then was to return to Europe to work among his own people, but, upon graduation, he found that his temporary Visa had expired and Czechoslovakia could not then renew it. All European quotas were already filled, so Michael Fesenko could not return to Europe, nor could he remain in the United States. It was then that Dr. A. S. Grant brought him to Canada, and in 1930 he was appointed to do Missionary work among his own people in Toronto. There was, after 1925, no Presbyterian work among the Ukrainians in the East, and of course no Ukrainian Church in this city. So Mr. Fesenko went to the street-corners and held his open-air meetings there, even as did the Communists. Later, he used a small room in Dale Church, and later still, part of a house. People listened to him attentively, coming wherever he spoke, and always asking questions—about the existence of God; immortality; doctrines; all sorts of things which were perplexing them—for these were seeking people, many dissatisfied with their own beliefs and leaders, some irreligious with no belief, others educated but completely materialistic. Mr. Fesenko answered every question, as far as time would permit, and began to realize more and more that these people, if they could be reached and convinced, would respond to the Protestant faith, because the rational outlook of the Reformed Church (Presbyterian), its faith, order and simplicity, made a strong impression on them. They considered its doctrines reasonable and satisfying.

Anxious to reach more of them, and realizing strongly the great power of the written word, he then began to send out Pastoral Letters, four or five multigraphed pages, answering as many questions as possible. All of this Mr. Fesenko did at his own expense at first, but soon this became too heavy a burden, financially and physically, for every letter was personally signed, and all letters of enquiry were personally answered. They still are, although now as many as 800 replies go out in a year. Some of these now are letters of praise, some of criticism; most are seeking explanation, help and advice, and this is freely and carefully given in every case. When the task became altogether too heavy to handle alone, Mr. Fesenko appealed to the W.M.S. for help, and at once all the necessary expense was taken over by our Society. At first a Duplicator was used, and a great part of the work still done by hand, but before long it was decided to print the paper and five hundred 4-page copies were published every month—at the amazing price of $25 a month. Right from the beginning there has been a wonderful interest and response to the *Evangelical Truth* and Mr. Fesenko added more and more names to his mailing list, as he got Ukrainian names from the district Voters Lists. Soon copies began to go Overseas too, to addresses given by Ukrainian friends here.

Now, *Evangelical Truth* contains eight pages, and always on the front page there is published a Sermon, written or translated by Mr. Fesenko, or by some other Ukrainian Minister. There is always a good story, fiction or biography, or possibly an article on the life of Christians under Soviet Russia; a Department of questions and answers about religion and life; and National News of particular interest to Ukrainians—about the Homeland and Canada, immigration, secular subjects, and a wise interpretation of Canadian thought. democracy, and the Christian democratic way of life. Besides six pages in Ukrainian, there are always two pages in English for English-speaking Ukrainians and for young people. These contain a splendid Health Article, contributed by Dr. Helen MacMurchy, and a good story, chosen by Mrs. Fesenko. Mr. Fesenko has always used a good many excerpts from ''Forced Labour In Russia'', a book of important factual material for which the Communists have no answer, and this tends to have a most important influence on Ukrainian thought.

Evangelical Truth is the only Protestant Ukrainian newspaper in the East, although in Toronto alone there are two Roman Catholic Ukrainian Church papers, and three others which are indirectly controlled by that Church, as well as one large Communist newspaper. All these Editors are, of course, giving full-time attention to their newspapers, but Mr. Fesenko edits and publishes *Evangelical Truth* in addition to his Ministerial duties and other responsibilities in his own Church. There are some 20,000 Ukrainians in Toronto, and many of these are Churchless, because they have lost trust in their Priests and the attitude of their Church. A large number of these people—doctors, lawyers, professors, military men and working men—are regular attendants in Mr. Fesenko's congregation and regular readers of *Evangelical Truth.*

EDITOR'S NOTE—Of recent years the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada through its World Day of Prayer budget has been giving a grant in support of *Evangelical Truth.*

The "Production" Side of The Glad Tidings

BY (MRS. J. G.) ALICE INKSTER, CONVENER, EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Mrs. J. G. Inkster

I WONDER if any of the readers of *The Glad Tidings* ever give a thought to the ''production'' side—or, if some should sometimes cast a thought in this direction, if it is more than a casually passing question: ''Is it a full-time job for one person?''

Probably many would be surprised to learn that the production of even this small magazine is a full-time job for two people. There are two sides in the production and distribution: the literary, assembling the content of the pages, and the ''mechanics'', which latter involves much detail work—laying out the articles to the best advantage, with just the right number of words—nay rather of letters to fill each page—to get all in and leave no vacant spaces and to supervise changes on the mailing list each month.

Besides the two paid members of the editorial staff, there are many voluntary assistants, contributing the material: the press secretaries of the seven synodicals and the departmental secretaries who turn in each month the material for their particular ''page'', members of Council Executive, missionaries, ministers and others with something of missionary import to contribute.

Nor is this all, the Editor has, to advise and assist her, a committee, called the Editorial Committee, composed of six members of the Council Executive. This committee meets on the morning of the fourth Thursday of each month, sometimes with matters of policy to discuss but always with the task of reading copy—to correct any typographical or other errors and cast a careful eye of consideration on the subject matter, to avoid all danger of damage to the missionary morals of our readers.

In making the necessary preparations for these meetings, the unfortunate Editor is usually on the horns of a dilemma, being either short of material or overstocked therewith. Usually too, she is wallowing between the Scylla of the dilatory contributor who seldom, if ever, gets her article in on time and the Charybdis of the printer clamoring for copy.

It is disappointing to learn that, in the six months since the last increase in the subscription price of *The Glad Tidings,* there has been a decrease in the number of subscribers. This price covers only the cost of production and distribution. It does not cover the salaries of the two paid members of the staff. These are paid out of the funds of the Society. Surely a magazine which involves the expenditure of so much money and effort on the part of so many and which is prepared in the deep conviction that the information it contains is absolutely necessary for an "informed" membership is worthy of adequate support by our Women's Missionary Society.

"Concerning the Collection"

BY MRS. J. A. ELLIOTT

An address given at London Presbyterial Annual Meeting

ADVANCE is our keyword for 1950. At the Council Meeting held in Calgary last fall, after hearing the report of the delegation sent to the Orient, it was by unanimous vote that the delegates accepted an allocation of $200,000, an increase of $20,000 over the proposed estimate of $180,000. This means increases to Synodicals, Presbyterials and lastly to Auxiliary and other groups. Our Auxiliary women accept the increase but the thought goes through their minds; can we raise this extra amount?

In the Presbyterial, of which I am a member, as a former Provincial Finance Secretary, I was asked to present "ways" to reach an allocation. I know of no "ways" to reach an allocation but I know a "way". I have never known any other. It is by **freewill offering.** You ask what is my authority for this method of giving. This is God's work we are doing and He has supplied us with a handbook in His Holy Bible that answers our every problem and supplies our every need. Let us seek guidance there. In the Old Testament I find three eminent authorities on giving. First back in Genesis, chapter 28 God has appeared to Jacob and confirmed the Abrahamic covenant to him and Jacob vows: ''If God will be with me and keep me in the way that I go, . . . of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee.'' Then Solomon noted for his wisdom writes in Proverbs 3: 9, ''Honour the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.'' Coming to the last book in the Old Testament. Malachi cries out, ''will a man rob God?'' ''Ye say wherein have we robbed thee?'' ''In tithes and offerings.'' Then in love God speaks, ''Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.''

Of New Testament authorities I will quote two, Jesus and Paul. In Matthew 10: 8 Jesus said: ''Freely ye have received, freely give.'' and in Mark 12: 17 ''Render to Caesar the things that are Cæsar's, and to God the things that are God's.'' Paul writes to the Church at Corinth 1 Cor. 16: 1, 2, ''Now concerning the collection . . . Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him. . . .''

Having given my Scriptural authority let me give my personal reasons: 1. God gave His best—His only Son—that I might have eternal life and in this life He has held my hand and led and guided me over the hard and thorny places. Gratitude demands my best.

2. There are in the world to-day those forces that openly deny God and His Christ and as openly declare they are preparing to take over this land in which I live. If this comes to pass I can give no freewill offering they will take my all and I will be a puppet of the State.

3. I believe there is no other name under heaven whereby men can be saved than through Jesus Christ.

These things I have told you to touch your hearts and souls. Now let me appeal to your minds. Paul's way is the only practical and paying way to carry on our work. It is good business. We hear of efficiency in secular business let us apply it to our Women's Missionary Society in raising our allocation.

In the light of Jesus' words ''freely ye have received, freely give''. As always God's Book supplies the answer to our problem. Let us try it and receive God's blessing. It is our King's business. The day is far spent. It may be later than we think and ''The King's business requireth haste.''

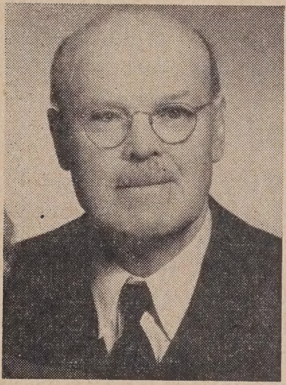
EDITORIAL

The many events of Jesus' last days on earth crowd into our minds as we approach the Easter season. We travel with Him the way to Golgotha. Our hearts feel again the pain a Christian must always feel at the thought of the cruelty of those who crucified Him, of the cruelty of His friends who deserted Him in His hour of trial. We rejoice with the friends and disciples who found the empty tomb and realized its import.

Perhaps there are times when we can feel some slight kinship with Christ's feelings in those last sad hours. Perhaps there are those in our communities who, like the people who cried for Barabbas, prefer the leadership of worldly people, who think only of material advantages of this world. They are afraid that someone will demand more of them than they are willing to give if they work too closely with Jesus and His Church. There may be Pilates in our communities. Men and women who are leaders who want to do what is right but are afraid to endanger their popularity with the crowd, so yield to its desires when controversial questions must be decided. Then there are the friends, people we thought could be counted on to stand by through all trials. Their desertion in times when the Christian work is under criticism, when misunderstandings about policies and methods come to the fore, hurt almost unbearably. We feel sometimes that we have attempted something that is far too big a thing for us. We think how much easier it would be, if we forget all obligations and go the seemingly light hearted carefree way of others. Jesus, in Gethsemane cried: ''My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me''. But as He thought of the purpose for which He came into the earth, He realized that He must follow through with His task despite the fact that no one on earth seemed to care what happened to Him. ''Thy will be done'', was His final prayer.

Then we think of the empty tomb, of the wondrous days when Jesus appeared again to His disciples and His friends. Our hearts are glad and we sing on Easter day, the glad songs of triumph. There is no death for us who follow the Master's way. ''God is our refuge and our strength'', ''In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you''. These and other great words of comfort come to us. We read the story of Jesus' life on earth to the last chapter, to those last hours before His Ascension when He promised His disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit and said: ''Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.'' There is the Easter message for members of the Women's Missionary Society. Not for ourselves alone must we rejoice but that we have the opportunity to follow Christ's last earthly request. There is still time to do it, but only if we work at once.

Dr. Luther L. Young



Dr. Luther L. Young

BY cable, information has been received of the passing in Kobe, Japan, of Dr. Luther L. Young, missionary to the Koreans.

In 1906 this missionary was appointed by the Eastern Section of the Foreign Mission Board to serve in Korea. Mr. Young continued there until 1925. When it became known that the work in Korea would in future be carried on under the United Church, Mr. Young joined a delegation from Canada to study the possibilities of work among Koreans in Japan. Many Koreans had gone to Japan for employment, and others for study. The Presbyterian Church of Korea had begun work among them in 1912.

Mr. Young's offer of assistance was gladly accepted and he was given general supervision of the work. Other missionaries joined him, and a fruitful work continued until 1940, when, owing to political tension, the staff was evacuated.

During the next few years Mr. Young, who had previously received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, served in various congregations in Canada. When peace came, at the urgent request of the Korean Church, Dr. Young returned to Japan to reorganize the work. He was warmly welcomed, and did much in the way of rehabilitation until ill health caused him to apply for leave to return to Canada. The necessary arrangements were made, but before these could be carried out Dr. Young passed away on February 21st. When news of his death was known, Christians from almost all the sixteen Korean congregations came to Kobe to express their sorrow and sympathy.

His many friends in Canada, and elsewhere, will join with the Korean Christians in expressing sincere sympathy with Mrs. Young and the family, in the loss of their loved one.

—Dr. W. A. Cameron.

Orphaned Missions

Report given by Dr. W. A. Cameron to the Canadian Overseas Missions Council 1950.

What They Are—By Orphaned Missions we mean those Missions in Asia and in Africa, which have been deprived during the war of contributions from their parent societies. These Missions were stranded, not from lack of willingness on the part of their sponsors to provide for their needs, but from inability to send money out of those sending countries for the support of missionary work abroad.

Because of the generous response to this appeal on the part of missionary-minded people in other countries, these fields were kept in operation. As far as we know, not one missionary in any country was forced to relinquish his work, nor was any field closed because of lack of financial support.

With the close of the war we expected the need for continued assistance would cease. But though four years have passed since the consummation of hostilities, the appeal for financial assistance must still be made.

The Present Situation—We are happy to report that some societies are now able to assume full responsibility for the maintenance of their work. This is true for example in the case of Norway. Others, however, are still unable to do this. This is the case with societies in Holland, Switzerland, France and Germany. And from the non-Lutheran Churches throughout the world $300,000 is required for 1950.

The Lutheran World Federation continues to contribute largely to the support of Lutheran Missions, wherever these are in need. In the case of Holland, the disturbed political situation which for so long prevailed in Indonesia presented special difficulties. In this regard Dr. J. W. Decker says of the present situation, ''The assistance we might properly give to the Dutch societies would only be limited by our resources, for they face a boundless opportunity.'' The settlement arrived at in Indonesia has aparently helped greatly to give enlarged access to the Missionary societies of Holland.

As regards Switzerland, during the war, Swiss missionary societies accepted responsibility, not only for their own Missionary work in other lands, but also for a substantial part of the work formerly carried on by German societies. The Basle Mission was a union project, formerly supported by Swiss and German societies, but carried during the war entirely by Swiss Christians. During the years of war, the Swiss kept contact with their own and German Missions. They are now finding that the added cost of operation is making the task too heavy for them.

In France, inflation is still making it impossible for the French Evangelical Societies to contribute what is needed for their fields. Canadian money during the war, and since, has largely gone to support the work of the Paris Evangelical Mission in Basutoland and Barotseland in Africa.

As for Germany, foreign funds are still having to be used for rehabilitation. The countries supplying these funds have rightly said, that while this is necessary, no money can be sent out of Germany for the carrying on of missionary work in other countries.

So for us, the task so well begun, and carried forward to the present, is still unfinished. We must carry on, or the work of the past years of maintaining the witness of the Christian Church in long-established fields will have proved ineffective.

The Financial Requirements—Britain last year gave to this cause more than Canada. Her contribution was $17,778. This money came from fourteen missionary Boards or other organizations. But for 1950 we are told that we cannot look for as much.

The bulk of the givings has always come from the Churches of the U.S.A. Last year that country was in its contributions $60,000 below its quota. This was due largely to diminishing receipts from Church World Service.

The Canadian Churches in 1949 contributed $14,093—which was $93 in excess of its allocation. For 1950 the Canadian Overseas Missions Council asks the Churches to assume a minimum of $15,000. We can do it and we will.

Editor's Note—You will note from the Financial Statement in the January *Glad Tidings* that $1,000 was given to Orphaned Missions by our Society. This was an addition to the grant estimated for in 1949. The following is a letter sent to Miss Bessie MacMurchy from Reverend Norman Goodall, Secretary of the International Missionary Council.

Dear Miss MacMurchy,

Before we proceed too far into the year 1950, I must, on behalf of the International Missionary Council, and of those Missions abroad that have for so long been cut off from the support of their parent bodies, thank you and your Board most heartily for the generous grants that came to us through Canon Dixon for the Orphaned Missions Fund in 1949.

You may be quite sure that every cent of your giving was used where its value could be exploited to the utmost, and I wish you could see some of the moving letters of gratitude that have come to us from the mission fields.

May I commend to your further deep concern the continuing needs of the Orphaned Missions? I only wish it were possible to tell you that the financial prospects of the countries affected (particularly Germany and France) showed signs of improvement; but, though continuous and generous efforts are being made within these countries, the Missions continue to be hampered by poverty, by currency restrictions and by devaluation to an extent even greater than elsewhere in the mission lands of Europe.

I ask too, for the support your prayers can give; and I am sure that the Churches of Canada will frequently be remembered with thanksgiving by many a missionary in distant lands.

With all good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,
—(*Rev.*) *Norman Goodall.*

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Presbyterian Training School, Medicine Hat

THE property for the Presbyterian Training School at Medicine Hat was purchased by the Women's Missionary Society to be used for the teaching of Church Workers under the supervision of the Board of S.S. and Y.P.S., (see January issue of *Glad Tidings*). The cost of the land and building was $10,015.00. A legacy for $10,878.86, left to the Guelph Auxiliary by the late Jessie Davidson, was forwarded to the Treasurer's office to be used for the purchase of this property.

To February 28th, 1950, $4,643.88 has been spent by your Society for alterations, such as fire escape, partitions, additional plumbing and fixtures, lighting, renovation of kitchen, etc. The money for these alterations has been provided from the following legacies:

Estate of Miss Lily Lamb, through Knox Crescent-Kensington Auxiliary, Montreal	$ 478.00
Estate of Miss Florence G. S. Brown, Vancouver	100.00
Estate of Miss MacGregor, through Beechwood Auxiliary	500.00
Estate of Miss Agnes Malcolm, Toronto	100.00
Estate of Miss Helen McCallum, Abernethy, Sask.	300.00
Estate of Miss Jessie Niven, Toronto	458.00
Estate of Miss Eliza Mills, Toronto	900.00
Legacy through St. Andrew's Church, Windsor	200.00
Legacy through Midland Auxiliary	100.00
Estate of Miss Annie McGregor, Vancouver	100.00
Estate of Mr. G. R. Lang, Edmonton	174.61
Estate of Mr. J. L. Mitchell, through St. Paul's Church, Hamilton	372.64
Estate of Mrs. W. Mount, through Knox Church Auxiliary, Dundas, Ontario	400.00
Estate of Miss Nellie Crowe, Toronto	350.00
Estate of Miss A. Bowman, through Knox Church Auxiliary, Dundas, Ontario	100.00

—Ruth E. Pye, Treasurer.

NEWS UP TO THE MOMENT

Miss Lily Simpson, Reg.N., on furlough from India, will be doing deputation work in Eastern Ontario and Quebec in May and June. It is expected that she will be present for at least part of the General Assembly sessions.

Two missionaries on furlough will be attending camps during the summer months. Miss Lily Simpson, will be at Christopher Lake and Sylvan Lake camps. Mrs. Gehman, on furlough from China, will attend two of the camps held at Peace Memorial Camp, Lancaster, Ontario.

Council Executive accepted with regret, the resignation of Mrs. Michael Fesenko, part time deaconess in Toronto. Mrs. Fesenko in her assistance to her husband, Reverend M. Fesenko, minister of the Ukrainian Church, Toronto, and in her work among the women of that church, has made a great contribution in Christian service to Ukrainian people. These last few years, that service has been performed in particular, among displaced persons coming to this part of Canada.

A card from Miss Ruth Buchanan reached our desk recently. The heading was: "Dwelt among us", and the contents of the card were: "I heard a new name for our Ellen Douglas on Tuesday on the way to Amlong Market. I caught up with a little old man from Sardi. We chatted as we went along. 'The lady who lived with us the year of the cholera', he called her. I thought it sounded like a citation for valour—some heavenly equivalent of the V.C."

Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale of Coldstream, Ontario, has begun her work as hospital visitor in Montreal. Mrs. Leatherdale will be employed by the Women's Missionary Society, W.D. and under the direction of the Presbytery of Montreal.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

AN excellent addition to the supplementary books on Japan is one to which brief reference was made previously—A TORCH IN JAPAN, The Story of Michi Kawai, by W. H. Murray Walton.

This booklet is of special interest as it was Miss Michi Kawai who prepared the service for the World Day of Prayer in which the women of the world joined a few weeks ago.

The author, who at one time lived in Japan, knows Miss Kawai and in a note at the beginning of the book says, "Michi Kawai is one of the outstanding Christian women leaders and educationists in Japan. In her reminiscences she modestly describes herself as a *Chochin* (a lantern); she may be described far more truly as a *Taimatsu* (a torch) who has lit up new paths for the womanhood of her native land." The truth of that statement is proven as we follow the story of her life. We accompany her from "an old-world home in Japan", to a Christian school in Japan, from there to the United States to Bryn Mawr, where through her experiences and contacts she came to realize that she belonged "not only to Japan but to the world, God's world"; then, following a brief visit to Europe we find her returning to Japan to work with the Y.M.C.A. and finally relinquishing that work to become the founder and principal of Keisen Girls School, which according to its constitution is a school "founded on Christian principles", a clause which Miss Kawai would not omit even when pressed to do so during the war years. We see her to-day "far more concerned with the future than the past"—"a veteran in the cause of Christ . . . bringing new and refreshing life to the land she loves, lighting up its dark path with the flaming torch of her faith."

A TORCH IN JAPAN can be used with meeting four of the Auxiliary Study. Members unable to attend meetings will enjoy reading it at home. Girls in Girls' Groups will be interested in this story of a Japanese girl.

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Devotional Hour

The Place

"There is a place where thou canst touch the eyes of
blinded men to perfect sight;
There is a place where thou canst say 'Arise' to dying
captives bound in chains of night;
There is a place where thou canst reach the store of
hoarded gold and free it for the Lord;
There is a place—upon some distant shore—where thou
canst send the worker or the Word;
There is a place where Heaven's resistless power,
responsive moves to thine insistent plea;
There is a place—a silent trysting hour—where God
Himself descends and fights for thee;
Where is that blessed place—dost thou ask where?
Oh, Soul, it is the secret place of prayer."

Let us Pray:

For Mrs. L. L. Young remembering her recent bereavement. For Reverend Paul and Mrs. Rumball who are working among the Koreans in Japan.

For Miss Douglas and Miss Taylor in Formosa, Miss Hermanson and her staff in the hospital.

For Miss McConnell teaching in Vellore Medical College, India.

For our two hospital visitors—Mrs. Gillespie in Toronto and Mrs. Leatherdale in Montreal.

That more young women may offer for service—as a teacher in the Indian School: as a regional secretary, so much needed.

Let Us Give Thanks:

For the generous response of the members of the Society to the needs of the work.

For the courage and faith with which the members have undertaken the "Advance".

For the privilege of being co-workers with Thee.

Grant Thy blessing, our Father, upon the worship and study of this hour, not only to ourselves but to all those of whom we have been thinking. We pray for Thy blessing on all absent members. Keep us ever mindful of the "secret place of prayer" and there may we learn more of charity, more of self denial, may we become more like Him. May we be silent to hear Thy voice, and patient to understand. Help us to learn to be still, and know that Thou art God. In the strength that is renewed in waiting upon Thee, we would strive to do Thy will. In Jesus name we ask it. Amen.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

Our Literature Secretary

HAVE you met her?

We would like to introduce Miss Louise Reith to you. She is the Literature Secretary for the Women's Missionary Society. She is the person responsible for the new study that is ready for you in October of each year, for the selection of books that appear in the Book List on the back of the *Glad Tidings,* for the books and leaflets that are always on display at the annual meetings of Presbyterials and Synodicals.

Miss Louise Reith, M.A.

The current study is *Towards A New Dawn In Japan.* When you are preparing your part for one of the meetings do you stop and think how much time and preparation is necessary to make those studies interesting and informative for you? Miss Reith starts a year in advance to gather material and information and then months of work reading, sorting and studying all this information before she starts to prepare a Study meeting by meeting. Each worship service is planned and worked out to carry the theme of each meeting. You can no doubt understand that a year seems very short to prepare a study and keep up with the rest of the work of this department.

It is a number of years ago that in the Young Women's Department we were besieged with requests for ideas, material, suggestions, in fact anything for a programme for Auxiliary meetings. That was how we decided to have a theme for a study and prepare six or eight meetings a year. Various ones worked on these programmes until five years ago when Miss Reith took charge of them.

All the major denominations have prepared study material on the country that is the theme—as Japan is this year. At the meetings of the Missionary Education Movement, representatives from the different denominations meet to discuss books, programme material and the countries on which study may be based. Miss Reith is our representative to the Missionary Education Movement which meets in New York, so that all the latest and most up-to-date information is made available to you for your programmes.

We feel sure as you finish the study of Japan you will more than appreciate having a literature secretary like Miss Reith and the great contribution she makes toward our missionary education.

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

EASTER! The season of the Christian year which is filled with joy, thanksgiving, beauty and wonder. The season which brings such multiplicity of emotions to the hearts of all of us, it overwhelms us with our own unworthiness.

This land in which we live is peculiarly blessed in celebrating Easter. All nature is coming alive again after the sleep of winter. As we see the awakening to life in the flowers, trees and grass and in all the little new creatures, it is somehow significant of what is happening to us. We find in the Easter promise an awakening to real life, to that full life which is possible only because of what happened at Calvary, over two thousand years ago. The human heart is hard indeed which does not at this time each year experience emotions too deep for words.

Let us take full advantage of this renewing influence which comes to those who prepare for it. Our hearts must be emptied of selfishness, pride and all that would prevent us from accepting our full measure of grace. Let us make use of every means of worship; meditations on the crucifixion and resurrection; meeting together for worship and taking an active part in the service; hearing splendid presentations of the Easter story in music. Whatever the means, let the soul-cleansing wonder of the resurrection of our Lord fill us and remain with us.

We cannot contemplate Easter except in a state of humility. Nothing that we have done or could ever do, would in itself fit us for Eternal Life, it is only by the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, that we have in us the hope of life everlasting. We humbly accept this unspeakable gift of love and as our hearts seek to become more loving and we strive to make our lives more worthy, we begin to experience the thrill of living closer to God.

Our young people, many of whom have so recently been accepted into church membership, will look to us for guidance and help as they seek to serve Him in the Church. It is our privilege to help them to realize what Christ expects from those whom He loves and for whom He died.

Easter is here! All nature is singing. We too would rejoice, for now is Christ risen from the dead!

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, *Secretary*

On Having Aims For Our Groups

Why consider aims?

1. They clarify for leaders what they are trying to do.

2. They guide us in choosing suitable material for the carrying out of our purpose.

3. They help us to judge the results of our work.

The leader, at the conclusion of a course of study, asks herself, "Have I really succeeded in doing what I had as my purpose at the beginning of the study?"

To answer this question the leader will ask further questions, such as:

a. Do the children appear to be really conscious of God's presence with them during worship? Are they alert and reverent? Was the service of worship within the range of their understanding and experience?

b. Do they share in the worship by prayer, singing and the use of

Scripture? Have the older children had sufficient participation in planning and conducting the service of worship?

c. Are they more considerate, more kindly, more co-operative in their relationships than they were six months ago? Do they try to live as members of God's family, being friends with everyone as Jesus was, and sharing as Jesus would share?

d. Is the offering truly a gift of love and interest, or merely an accepted custom?

e. Do the children link the Bible teaching with their everyday living?

f. Are the people about whom they have heard in the stories real people to the children?

g. Does the handwork they have done contribute to an interest in, and better understanding of the customs and ways of life of the people in other lands, and national groups in our own lands?

h. Is there a growing understanding that by sending and telling the story of the love of God, as revealed by Jesus Christ, the lives of people are made richer and happier through the knowledge that they have a loving, forgiving heavenly Father?

—*Lily Macarthur.*

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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WESTMINSTER Presbyterial — The 36th annual meeting of Westminster Presbyterial was held in Kerrisdale Church. From a financial point of view, it was gratifying to note that the amount sent to the Synodical fund was well over the allocation. The departmental reports were, for the most part, encouraging but it is hoped that the younger groups in the Presbyterial will take more responsibility in the coming year. Mrs. Robert Pollock, Synodical President, conducted a profitable discussion on the duties of officers in the Presbyterial and in the auxiliaries. At both the afternoon and evening session, Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary for Manitoba and Saskatchewan, gave stimulating addresses. She pointed out the duties and the allegiance the women owe to our Church and to the missionary enterprise. She called upon each one to realize their blessings and to feel the responsibility of bringing the Gospel to many in Canada as well as to those in other lands. The guest speaker at the evening meeting was Mrs. Malcolm Ransom, who recently returned from China. She spoke of the vast difference Christianity makes on home life. She used as illustrations, the average Canadian family and the average non-Christian Chinese family. At this particular time when we are hoping to advance in the overseas work, this address was most opportune and did much to deepen the realization of the good that is being done by missionaries and by mission work.

A teen-age girls' rally was held in Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver. Miss Ruby Walker was the guest speaker. The programme was in charge of Miss M. Middleditch, retiring Presbyterial Girls' Secretary, Miss Grace Mackay, Regional Secretary in British Columbia, led the games. Miss Joyce Stewart of Chilliwack conducted a sing-song, Miss Catherine Watson, Director of the Nursery School, demonstrated the use of the flannelgraph and the C.G.I.T. group of Coughlin led in worship. Miss Walker told the girls of the work among the Indian children and of the life of a deaconess. She stressed the need for Christian young people to dedicate their services to the work done by the W.M.S. and by the Church.

The Jessie Morrice Evening Department of St. Stephen's Church, North Vancouver, had Rev. H. A. Berlis as guest speaker at their annual meeting. His talk was entitled: An Ancient Cure for Modern Ills. Mr. Berlis installed the officers.

ALBERTA

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CALGARY Presbyterial — Mrs. C. E. Jamieson was elected president of Calgary Presbyterial at its 36th annual meeting held in Grace Church, Calgary. Mrs. R. J. Edgar, retiring president presided at the sessions when representatives from 40 W.M.S. auxiliaries answered the roll call. Mrs. A. Barroll, treasurer reported receipts in excess of the allocation. The supply secretary, Mrs. K. Armstrong, reported that supplies had been sent to Sylvan Lake Camp, the Indian School at Rossburn, Manitoba and to port workers in Montreal. An increase in membership and in offering to the W.M.S. treasury show that progress is being made in the Children's Department. This report was given by the secretary, Mrs. A. W. Dunsmore. Reports on the girls', young women's and evening auxiliary departments presented by Miss M. McLagan, Miss J. Inglis and Miss M. O. Harback revealed that the groups had sustained activities during the year and had accepted an increased allocation. Highlights of the day's sessions were the addresses given by Miss Ruby Walker. At the afternoon meeting, Miss Walker made a plea on behalf of teen-age groups. "The church must seek to win its youth for Christ", she asserted and expressed the hope that the time would soon come when a girls' work committee would be a part of every congregation. While commending the Auxiliary members for their achievement Miss Walker urged them to take stock of their organization and ask themselves if the aims of the Society were being remembered. She urged the use of more carefully prepared services of worship, expressed concern over decreasing membership and asked the women to make their programmes of such vital interest that people would be drawn to the Church. "I know of no other society which offers so much variety", she stated. She urged the launching of a *Glad Tidings* campaign that the W.M.S. magazine would find its way into every Presbyterian home. At the evening meeting, Miss Walker outlined the work being done in the mission fields at home and abroad placing special stress on the fields where new workers are needed. At the dinner meeting, Dr. F. S. Morley told the women it was vital for them to go on a crusade for the Church.

Mrs. J. Jones was elected president of the Knox Church auxiliary, Calgary. Rev. A. J. Gowland installed the officers. Miss Athalie Read and Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretaries for Alberta and Manitoba-Saskatchewan, respectively, spoke at the meeting.

Edmonton Presbyterial—The Presbyterial met for its 36th annual meeting in Strathcona Presbyterian Church, Edmonton. Mrs. Kelman presided. The theme was: A vision of Service. Many interesting and encouraging reports were given. Discussions followed each one led by Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary. Some of the most valuable suggestions were: There should be more reading of missionary literature and study by the members. Visual aids, maps and good magazines are all useful; good literature should be placed in the hands of new Canadians; increased reading of the *Glad Tidings* will create greater desire for more extensive missionary work; we need more members; we should lead more devoted and consecrated lives; be more missionary minded and be ever mindful of the aim of the Society; Mission Bands should be encouraged. Rev. Ian McSween, minister of Strathcona Church spoke at the afternoon session. We are the Church of one faith. There are no bounds of nationality. Missionary work is not easy. It is a work that is never done or diminished. Miss Walker was the speaker at the evening session. She gave a general picture of mission fields at home and abroad and stressed the opportunity for our Church in the northern part of Alberta.

Macleod Presbyterial — A mission band has been formed in Macleod under the leadership of Mrs. Lucille McRoberts.

The Lethbridge auxiliary has expressed regret at the resignation of one of their valued members, Mrs. E. L. Garvin. Mrs. Garvin and her husband, Rev. E. L. Garvin will take up duties in Robertson Church, Vancouver. The best wishes of the Lethbridge ladies go with them.

Red Deer Presbyterial — The president, Mrs. Walter Malsbury presided at the Edwell auxiliary meeting held at the home of Mrs. W. M. Collier.

SASKATCHEWAN

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PRINCE ALBERT Presbyterial—The annual meeting of Prince Albert Presbyterial was held in St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert. The theme was: ''I am the Way, the Truth, the Life''. Mrs. Hepburn presided in the absence of the president. Miss Lily Macarthur, Miss Agnes Hislop, and Mrs. John Shaw of Regina were the guest speakers. Rev. Mr. Caslor of Prince Albert brought greetings from Presbytery. Miss Macarthur, representing Council Executive commented on the reports as they were presented, emphasizing the importance of children's work. She commended Sylvania and Meath Park for their work in this department. The Handbook for Officers and the new constitution were discussed and some points clarified. In an address, Miss Macarthur spoke on the Advance and reminded her listeners that we are here that we might learn more of His love and the greatest honour that can come to us is to be able to tell others of that love. Miss Hislop addressed an afternoon meeting. Mrs. Shaw's address was entitled: ''Repairing the Walls of Zion''. Miss Isabel Bailey, Clouston, Historian, presented a fine historical sketch of Prince Albert Presbyterial. The Tisdale Auxiliary displayed an interesting scrap book of clippings on all their meetings. This had been prepared for their historian.

Regina Presbyterial — The annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in First Church, Regina. Mrs. Frank Wood presided and Rev. Gordon Cunningham conducted the opening service of worship. Throughout the day, Miss Lily Macarthur commented on the secretaries' reports as they were presented and led in discussions on them. Rev. N. D. Kennedy brought greetings from the Presbytery of Assiniboia. In the principal address of the sessions, Miss Macarthur, Toronto, Children's Secretary for the W.M.S. made a plea for her listeners to encourage young people to take up the work of the Church. She spoke of the Advance and stressed the need for greater work to be done at home, especially among the Indians and in the ''northern reaches of the country''. Miss Macarthur pointed out the opportunities in Japan, Formosa and India where it is hoped that more workers may be sent. The weather was extremely cold but there was a very good attendance even of out-of-town delegates. The assistance, encouragement and inspiration of Miss Macarthur's presence was greatly appreciated. Mrs. W. Kelly of Moose Jaw, Synodical President installed the officers.

A most interested audience heard Mrs. Malcolm Ransom give an account of present day life in China, when she spoke to the W.M.S. auxiliary of First Church, Regina recently. Mrs. Ransom had been a school teacher in Regina before her marriage and many friends were eager to hear her and chat with her again.

Saskatoon Presbyterial — An optimistic note was sounded in reports presented at the annual meeting of Saskatoon Presbyterial held in St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon. An increase in both membership and givings during the past year was shown. Miss J. E. Walls presided over the sessions. A special visitor was Miss Lily Macarthur of Toronto, W.M.S. Children's Work Secretary.

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FORT WILLIAM, ONT., PRESS SECRETARY

BRANDON Presbyterial — The annual business meeting of Brandon Presbyterial was held in First Church, Brandon. Mrs. J. McLeod presided at all meetings. Reports presented by the secretaries showed increases in all departments except *Glad Tidings* and Life Membership. The Treasurer reported that we had exceeded our allocation. Miss Lily Macarthur led the discussion period and made many helpful suggestions. In her address, Miss Macarthur reviewed the work in the home and overseas fields. She said that 1950 must see advances in: the number of missionaries sent out; in new equipment; in Christian literature; in the training of native leaders. Rev. W. O. Nugent, in the closing words spoke on the value of prayer. He said that if we all used this great Power, there would be great advances in 1950.

Superior Presbyterial — Delegates from Fort Frances, Geraldton, Port Arthur and Fort William convened in First Presbyterian Church, Fort William for the 36th annual meeting of Superior Presbyterial. Mrs. G. Stirrett was elected as president to succeed Mrs. W.

S. Nairn. Mrs. Nairn in her address, entitled, ''They Go From Strength to Strength'', compared the heritage of Superior Presbyterial to a bank balance. She said that considerable had been added to the heritage during the year. She expressed her gratitude for the courtesy and loyalty shown her during her term of office. In support of the Advance, she stated that such a concentrated effort could be world wide in scope. Mrs. J. W. Fraser gave the very excellent report of finances. The allocation has been well over-subscribed. Speaking on the reports, Miss L. Macarthur, guest speaker, commended the Presbyterial on its excellent record and explained several technical points of the W.M.S. work. In her address, Miss Macarthur stated that the aim of the W.M.S. is to unite the women, girls and children of the Church in a common missionary endeavour. She spoke of the programme of Advance and the aid it could give to students from other lands studying in Canada, and the help it would be in assisting displaced persons. Mrs. L. Petrie read an account of the formation of Superior Presbyterial 36 years ago and of the first annual meeting. Mrs. D. MacDougall led the mission bands in their part of the programme. Mrs. W. B. MacOdrum, Geraldton, compared the work among new Canadians 36 years ago, with the work being done to-day. Rev. W. B. MacOdrum told of his work in Geraldton and of the accomplishments being made by community churches in the Long Lac areas.

Winnipeg Presbyterial—The 36th annual meeting of Winnipeg Presbyterial was held in St. James Church, Winnipeg. The theme was ''The World for Christ''. Mrs. G. W. Bradley, Presbyterial President presided. In her opening remarks, Mrs. Bradley emphasized the need for prayer that we may all accept the responsibilities which are ours in maintaining the work of missions. Mrs. Cormack Smith, Corresponding Secretary, told of the work being done by the Home Helpers in sewing for Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School. Leading in a discussion of reports, Mrs. C. Smith suggested that items of interest in *The Glad Tidings* be marked that they may be discussed and their interest shared. The Treasurer reported that the allocation had been exceeded. The guest speaker, Miss Lily Macarthur told of the extensive programme being planned for the next three years in mission fields at home and overseas. Rev. D. C. Hill of St. James Church, told of missions in Manitoba, at Cecilia Jeffrey and among the Ukrainian people. The reports of the Children's, Girls' and Young Women's and Evening Departments showed advances and increased interest in missions.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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HAMILTON Presbyterial — A spirit of optimism pervaded all sessions of the 36th annual meeting of Hamilton Presbyterial, held in Central Church, Hamilton. Miss Annie J. Ritchie, Presbyterial President, presided. The meeting began with a very impressive Communion service, conducted by Rev. Crawford Scott, minister of Central Church. Good reports were given by all secretaries and many interesting highlights were brought by district vice presidents. The Treasurer's report showed that a very successful year has been completed. The Right Rev. Dr. C. L. Cowan, Moderator of the General Assembly, stirred the audience at an afternoon meeting with a talk on his recent trip to the West. Dr. Cowan assured us that we have a very substantial Church. He emphasized that our greatness does not lie in money or membership but in service and self sacrifice. He stressed the importance of the Christian home supplying recruits for the ministry. In her evening address, Miss Laura K. Pelton's challenge rang out: "Are we becoming so satiated with the comforts of this world that we are becoming unable to take off on the dangerous flights to which God called us?" An informative talk on the need met by *The Glad Tidings* was given on the last afternoon of the meetings by Miss Mary Whale. She urged all to read our magazine that we may become familiar with our missionaries' problems and with our mission fields. Through knowledge will come greater impetus for the support of missionary work at home and abroad. A happy gesture of the annual meeting, was the presentation of an Honorary Membership to Miss Elsie Henderson, Rockton. Our oldest member and Honorary President, Mrs. D. H. Fletcher, who is ninety-four gladdened the hearts of all when she spoke a brief message at the close of the meeting. Rev. S. H. Hill brought greeting from Presbytery and Mrs. Munro from the Synodical. Miss Ritchie closed the meeting by urging all the members to remember that this is God's work and that we must put our lives in His hands.

London Presbyterial—The theme of the 36th annual meeting of London Presbyterial was: "Now is the appointed time." "The Master has use for each talent. It is important that we perform each of our tasks with faithfulness," said Mrs. A. Weldhen at the opening session of the meeting held in St. George's Church, London. Delegates from 30 auxiliaries registered. Mrs. J. R. Waldie was elected Presbyterial President for 1950. All reports showed increased activity; the allocation was exceeded by a goodly sum and the increased allocation willingly accepted. A new feature for the meetings was a panel discussion led by Mrs. P. DeRuiter under the theme: Inspirational Programmes. The delegates entered the discussion wholeheartedly. Mrs. A. R. McMurrich of Council Executive, was the speaker at the afternoon session. She based her remarks on "Advance", describing the work being done in Western Canada and in the Far East. Miss Mary Whale, Toronto, Editor of *The Glad Tidings,* was the evening speaker. She spoke of the opportunity for missionary work presented by the Women's Missionary Society. She brought high lights of the recently held meetings of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, telling of the needs in the Near East, Africa, and Asia, needs which were made more urgent by the growing shadow of communism. Concluding her remarks, Miss Whale said that *The Glad Tidings* is our own W.M.S. channel for missionary education and one of the greatest services we can perform is in the use of that channel to make us a more educated Society. The delegates expressed appreciation for the innovation of printed reports. It enabled a more complete report to be made to the auxiliaries.

Paris Presbyterial—Ninety-six delegates representing nineteen auxiliaries were present at the annual meeting of Paris Presbyterial, held in Knox Church, Woodstock. Rev. R. D. MacDonald, Moderator of Presbytery brought greetings. Mrs. G. Deane Johnstone was returned as Presbyterial President. Mrs. J. S. Malcolm, Treasurer, announced that the allocation had been exceeded by a goodly sum. The new and larger allocation was accepted. Mrs. N. MacPherson stated that despite the raise in price, there were as many subscribers to *The Glad Tidings* as last year. Rev. G. Deane Johnstone, Chairman of the Board of Missions, gave an address on ''Missions at Home and Abroad''. In his address following the installation of officers, Rev. G. L. Douglas, minister of Knox Church, stressed the honour in being chosen as a Presbyterial officer.

Sarnia Presbyterial—The 36th annual meeting of Sarnia Presbyterial was held in Watford. The theme, ''Advance for Christ'', was reflected in the services of worship. Rev. Mr. Preston, extended a hearty welcome as did Mrs. Pritchett to the one hundred and seven delegates who represented twenty-three auxiliaries. Mrs. P. J. McEwen presided over all sessions and was re-elected Presbyterial President for 1950. Reports from junior departments showed renewed vigor. Wyoming ''Pioneers'' have proved that a rural mission band can be a real success with a few good leaders and interested mothers. One mission band reported tentative plans for a Father and Child meeting. The Evening Department auxiliaries were well represented and gave a heartening account of their year's activities with special emphasis on their Life Membership department. Contributions sent in to the Life Membership department reached an all time high and helped to give the Presbyterial a margin over the allocation. Supplies were given in abundance and were of excellent quality. Literature was displayed and sales were brisk through the afternoon. Plans were made for a rally in May to take the place of the June sectional meetings. Miss Frieda Matthews, Executive Secretary for National Missions, gave a résumé of the work being accomplished at home and abroad. Her wise counsel during the discussion was most helpful and her charge to the newly installed officers, most impressive.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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THE annual meeting of the Synodical Society of Toronto and Kingston will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, April 25, 26, 27. Anyone wishing a billet please write the billeting secretary, Mrs. G. C. Barager, 239 Charles St., Belleville. Information about transportation may be obtained from Mrs. P. Ransom, 254 Briar Hill Ave., Toronto.

Guelph Presbyterial — The 36th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph with Miss L. Sinclair, the president in the chair. Secretaries' reports showed encouraging increases in all departments. Two legacies had been received, one of $17,000 and one of $10,000. The latter has been used to buy a house in Medicine Hat, Alberta. This house was turned over to the Church to be used as a training centre for Church workers in the West. Mrs. A. S. Curr of Toronto, was the guest speaker and also presided over the election and installation of officers.

Kingston Presbyterial — The annual meeting of Kingston Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, Trenton. The Treasurer reported that the allocation had been oversubscribed and paid tribute to the Mission Bands of Madoc, Burnbrae, West Huntingdon and Trenton. The Corresponding Secretary's report showed a splendid year's work in all departments. Mrs. Harold Keefer, Toronto, Girls' Organizations Secretary, gave a most inspiring address.

Orangeville Presbyterial — Ventry Mission Band had a record year in 1949. Special awards to their members included six Life Membership Certificates, three gold Life Membership pins, three Fourth Seals, one Junior Certificate. This is a Mission Band record in the Presbyterial.

Toronto Presbyterial—The 36th annual meeting of Toronto Presbyterial was held in St. Paul's Church Toronto. The President, Mrs. A. S. Curr in referring to the fact that Toronto Presbyterial is now divided into east and west sections, said: "We are faced not only by a new year but with a new beginning". Mrs. Curr was elected president of Toronto West Presbyterial and Mrs. A. Hogg president of Toronto East Presbyterial. Speakers included Rev. J. Allan Munro who stated that missionaries are needed as much in Canada as in foreign fields. The number that can be maintained depends on the budget. Rev. John Elder, missionary on furlough from British Guiana, told of the work done through the schools and of the contacts made in the homes through the children in British Guiana. Rev. C. J. MacKay taking as his theme "The Triumphs of Urgency," said we should put our religion to work for we are facing life or death, democracy or totalitarianism. Too many are living in the shallows when God intended them to be out in the open sea. Mrs. A. W. Pae brought greetings from Council Executive and Mrs. A. G. Thompson from Synodical.

The members of Runnymede Senior Auxiliary paid honour to Mrs. F. Roberts when they presented her with an Honorary Membership. Mrs. Roberts had been for 28 years a Life Member of the Society and the new honour was greatly appreciated.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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South Mountain, Press Secretary

GLENGARRY Presbyterial—The 36th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in St. John's Church, Cornwall, on January 18th and 19th, with the president, Mrs. G. S. Lloyd, presiding. Morning devotions were conducted by Mrs. Neil MacKinnon and Mrs. Viola Alguire of Cornwall Centre Auxiliary. In recognition of 25 years of faithful service in the work of the Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. Duncan MacGillivray was elected honorary president. Mrs. G. Rupert presented a gratifying report showing increased givings and the allocation exceeded by a substantial margin. The guest speaker was Mrs. J. G. Inkster who presented the Advance in Missions in her usual convincing manner. Mrs. Inkster also presided over the installation of officers.

Montreal Presbyterial — Dr. C. L. Cowan, Moderator of The General Assembly, was the guest speaker at the afternoon session of the 36th annual meeting of the Presbyterial held in Melville Church, Westmount, on February 7th. Reverend C. C. Cochrane, minister of the church, conducted the worship service, and Dr. C. Ritchie Bell, introduced Dr. Cowan. Mrs. R. M. McCleery presided. Those also taking part in the service included Mrs. Charles Johnson, Miss Gladys Scott, and Mrs. William McLean as soloist. At the evening session the worship service was conducted by Mrs. C. R. Bell, with Mrs. H. S. Philpott and Mrs. Owen Rede Campbell also taking part. Miss Laura Pelton gave the address of the evening. Following the report of the nominating committee by Mrs. Howard T. Fraser and the election of officers, Miss Margaret Rowat conducted the service of dedication. Encouraging reports were heard from most departments but a decrease was noted in children's and young women's work.

Commencing with supper in Stanley Church, Westmount, the Young Women's rally was held on February 6th. Miss Jean McLean presided. Miss A. M. Jamieson presented the report of the young women's department and the worship service was conducted by Miss Mary Ferguson. An illustrated address was given by Miss Pelton on her trip to the Orient.

Treasurer's Statement

January and February, 1950

RECEIPTS:	
Miss Janet Morton, Brantford, ‘‘Support of Native Worker, India’’	$ 20.00
Gunworth Ladies' Aid, Saskatchewan, ‘‘Miss Hermanson's Work’’	10.00
Life Membership pins	53.29
Refund from Travelling Expenses of Workers	20.10
Rent from Worker	40.00
Cecilia Jeffrey School, Government Grant	12,554.62
Birtle School, Government Grant	3,138.20
Mrs. J. F. Fletcher, Chatham, ‘‘Christian Literature’’	100.00
Primary Beginners' Department and Junior Congregation, St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, ‘‘Support of child, Bhil Field, India’’	21.00
Altrust Girls' Class, St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, ‘‘Support of child, Bhil Field, India’’	45.00
A Friend	1,000.00
A Friend	25.00
Synodical Givings:	
Montreal and Ottawa	1,060.00
Hamilton and London	1,400.00
	$19,487.21

DISBURSEMENTS:	
Indian Schools:	
Birtle, Government Grant	$5,181.29
Birtle	358.32
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	9,024.98
Cecilia Jeffrey	333.30
Chinese in Canada	2,243.56
Deaconesses	2,256.08
St. Margaret's Centre, Toronto	645.92
Children's Centres: Vancouver, Portage la Prairie, and Tyndale House, Montreal	908.73
Port Work	269.72
Insurance and Taxes	47.25
Supplies	1,041.42
China	1,225.00
British Guiana	1,450.00
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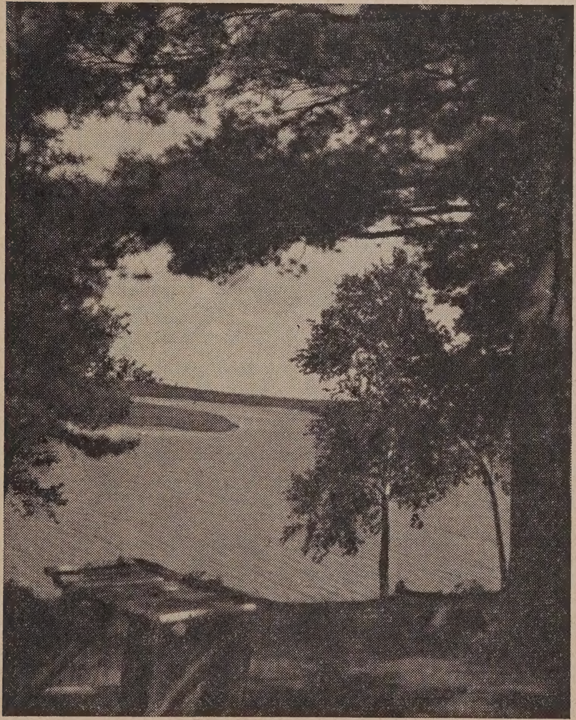

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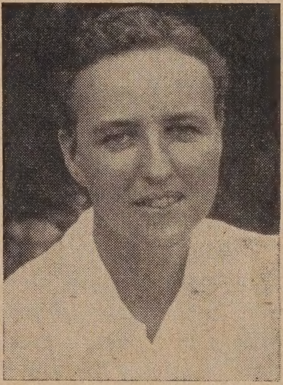
A Visit to Sewagram

BY MISS MARY SHERRICK, B.A., B.ED., AMKHUT, INDIA



Miss Mary Sherrick,
B.A., B.Ed.

SEWAGRAM is a small village about five miles from Wardha on the main line of the railway from Bombay to Nagpur. There, some years ago, Mahatma Gandhi established his ashram and there he spent a good part of his time during the later years of his life. From the activities of the ashram have developed several institutions which are flourishing in and around Sewagram to-day. There are the branches of the Basic Education programme—the Pre-Basic work in the village itself, the Basic and Post-Basic work and also the Training Class for teachers. Nearby is one of the hospitals built and run by the Kasturba Trust Fund, a fund established in memory of Gandhi's wife. Farther away are the buildings of the All India Spinners' Association and still farther away, the buildings of the Society for the Spread of Hindustani. Near the education buildings are the ashram buildings including Gandhiji's own house.

We were chiefly interested in the educational work so gave practically our whole time to seeing it. The Pre-Basic (lower primary and nursery school) work is done in the village. In connection with it, there is a health centre which provides pre-natal and post-natal care for mothers and babies. Attached to the centre are several midwives whose services are free to all the village women, as are all the services at the health centre. Then there is the nursery school for children 2-6 years of age. The children were divided into several groups (the word "class" is not used at all). They had slates, home-made wooden toys, spinning wheels and garden tools. There was a small plot of ground beside the school. Some of the little children were trying manfully to clear off the weeds and rubbish and to dig it up—

no easy job as at this time of the year the ground, except where irrigated, is baked as hard as cement.

In connection with the village work, there is also a co-operative housing scheme. Villagers can borrow money for building homes. The houses built must have certain features, stone foundation, outside walls of brick with lime mortar, of specified height, certain doors and windows and a separate room for a kitchen. Other things are left to the builder's own desires. This is a recent venture only three such houses have been built, all very nice, all different.

The Basic (upper primary and middle) and Post-Basic (high school) sections are at the educational centre. In this section, there are children not only from the village nearby but also from farther afield. There are some refugee children too. In order to provide for these they have hostels. The aim is that these children should be self-supporting as far as food and clothing are concerned. With this in view, the children grow their own food and make enough cloth for their own clothes. There are very few servants. Most of the work is done by the students and the staff.

The Teacher Training Class is a post-graduate course for trained teachers who have already had some years of experience. The graduates of the class are expected to go back to their own districts to train others in "basic" methods. All these students are expected to take part in all the life and work of the place.

In connection with their efforts to produce their own food, there is a co-operative dairy. The school has a small herd of cows but they do not produce all the milk needed. The balance is obtained from neighbouring farmers. The milk is measured and graded as it is brought in. They have an American cream separator in the milk room.

There is a community kitchen and dining hall. Everyone, from the highest to the lowest eats the same food together. All take their turn at cooking and serving. Each person has his own dishes, keeps them in his room, brings them with him to meals, washes them himself and takes them back to his room. All sit on mats on the floor. The food is plain but well cooked. The morning meal is of porridge and butter-milk and some sprouted grain. The mid-day meal is of rice, jwar bread, split peas, vegetables and butter-milk. The evening meal is of rice, jwar bread, vegetables, milk or butter-milk.

The whole community meets for prayers morning and evening. They teach "equal respect for all religions" and that "in essentials they all meet in perfect harmony the Religion of Man". At the prayer meeting they recite portions "from the scriptures of the principal religions of the world'' and also ''hymns and bhajans or religious songs''. All these are recited quickly and one after the other with no announcement identifying them. The only sign that one portion has ended and another begun is the change of rhythm. The volume of sound increases and decreases. Some portions seem to be known and recited by nearly all, others by only a few. Somewhere about the middle, one realizes with a shock that the Lord's Prayer is being said. One has the feeling that there is a lack of depth, understanding and conviction.

Visitors to Sewagram are accommodated in a guest house. It is a long narrow building with a verandah along one side. Each section has a bedroom and a bathroom. Emphasis is on the simple life. The only furniture is a string bed and a wooden bench. The bathroom is furnished with a water pail and a tin dipper. The walls and floor are plastered with the usual mixture of clay, cow dung and water. A lantern is provided for the evening. Guests share the meals in the community dining hall.

The aim is that the school should be self-supporting as far as food and clothing are concerned and that all the work should be done by the students and the staff. They are not a very large community yet they have something over 200 acres of land. They have received by gift and subscription, several thousand rupees. A large part of this has been invested in wells. They have more than 20. They do have a few paid workers to help in the fields. As they have both high school and teacher training classes, they have quite a number of big boys and men to help with the heavier tasks.

One of the chief impressions is of the ever present everlasting spinning. All have spinning wheels. All spin. Wherever one went one was sure to find someone spinning. After the mid-day meal, every day, there is one half hour of silent, ceremonial spinning in which every member of the community is supposed to take part. In their effort to be self-supporting, much time and effort are put into those trades which will bring material returns. There is a tendency to give less time to the more academic side of the work. All in all, I enjoyed my visit to Sewagram and I am glad to have had the experience of observing methods there.

Read the Bible and it brings you into the association of the best people that ever lived. You stand beside Moses, and learn of his meekness; beside Job and learn his patience; beside Abraham and learn his faith; beside Daniel and learn his courage to do right; beside Isaiah and learn his fiery indignation toward the evil doer; beside Paul and catch something of his enthusiasm; beside Christ, and you feel His love.—Spurgeon.

A Visit to the Homes of Our Bhil Sisters

BY MISS ELLEN DOUGLAS, AMKHUT, CENTRAL INDIA

Miss Ellen Douglas

SINCE the new year, Mabel bai and I have visited the homes of all the Christian families in this Amkhut area. One of our objects has been to encourage folk to buy and use the book prepared for daily devotion and another to try to get more children into the school. What a pleasure it is to find homes where parents and children have a love and respect for one another which is based on a love and respect for God and His Word. We visited other homes, however, where in place of joy there was sorrow, instead of peace there was struggle and in place of assurance, fear. The impressions made by some of these homes will not soon be forgotten and I would like to tell you of them.

One morning we set out toward the hills at the back of Amkhut and after passing the shrine of the spirit whose duty is supposed to be the protection of the inhabitants of the village, we turned off through the woods, went up and down a few hillocks and at last came to the house of Nuri bai and Chandu. They had moved a few months before, after the death of their little boy, Anku and their home had the appearance of not being very well established. The walls of bamboo matting were plastered part way up with mud and the low roof was covered with sun baked tiles. There was no surrounding fence for protection from wild animals, nor was there much evidence of anything to protect. Nuri bai was sitting out in the sun cleaning a little bit of rice. She smiled as we approached and motioned to us to sit on the one bamboo cot. Seeing us, her husband came from where, on a near-by hillock, he had been winnowing grain with a teen-age son. Though rather unkempt, Chandu appeared more intelligent than Nuri bai. He had a sparkle in his eye and it was easy to converse with him. Yes, like all the other farmers in the community, his crop, of corn had failed but he was glad that other crops had done quite well and that they had a little rice to eat. When we mentioned that we had not seen anyone from their home in God's house to give thanks, a change came over the man's face. With deep feeling he said that he had had nothing but trouble since he had become a Christian and that while he had not yet gone back to Hinduism, he could not believe in Jesus Christ. He then told us of some of his difficulties, his greatest sorrow being that though they had had eight children, only one boy was living now. The youngest was Anku, a bright little fellow who had just started to school, the only one in the family to do so, when suddenly, after an illness of a few days, he died. While he was sick, I went several times a day to see him. I felt that as well as our medicine, they were receiving treatment from the witch doctor. How sad it all was. Even though many are nominal Christians, fear of evil spirits still has a tremendous hold. With the little boy's death, what little faith the parents had, seemed to break and these two sad old people now are left without hope. As we talked and prayed, the tears ran down poor Chandu's wrinkled cheeks but he was able to smile through them as we left. How very sad it is to be without hope and without God in this world, to have a name signifying Life Abundant, but in spirit to be dead.

Bhilala Women

We had heard that there had been sickness in the home of Rahel and Yahub, so one morning we set out to visit them in Kua, about two miles away. At the entrance to the compound, we were met by a number of smiling youngsters who said their father was better but their mother was ill. Stepping over a little calf which had just been born, we came to the place where Rahel was lying on the ground by the fire. Her head was resting on a stout stick, the other end of which, was burning. She could hardly speak because of weakness and a bad throat but she indicated that she was better. On a cot nearby was a bundle of red cotton cloth which we were told contained a new baby. On the fire, well covered, with ashes, was a pot of goat milk which they had bought from a neighbour and were boiling for the baby. The father, crouching beside the fire looked forlorn and helpless. The mother, lying there with hair uncombed, clad only in her thin red cotton chadar, looked miserable. We did what we could to help them, then left to go to the next house where a brother of Yakub lives.

Here we were met by a pleasant smiling woman who brought her children and sat down beside us. By way of introduction, we said that poor Rahel was very ill. Oh, was she? said our friend and we realized with surprise that she had not been to see her sister-in-law. We found that there had been no coming or going between the two houses for more than a year. The cause of the trouble was difficult to get at but we learned eventually that the woman with whom we were speaking, had been called a witch by her sister-in-law and charged with having killed the eldest son of the family by putting a curse on him. We had known about the death of the boy who had had a disease of the throat. His mother, thinking to relieve the struggle for breath had put her thumbs down to clear the passage. The result was that the infection spread through his whole body and the lad died. Not realizing that her own actions were responsible for the death of her son, the mother blamed her sister-in-law. This is just about the biggest insult that can be given to any of these folk, so the women were not speaking. Mabel bai and I were surprised to think that Rahel who has been at least a nominal Christian for years, would make such an accusation. She has had very little systematic teaching however, and none of her family can read, so her knowledge of the full salvation of Christ Jesus is not a practical reality to her. Once more we were brought to the realization of how strong are the old superstitions, how subtle the powers of darkness.

Amkhut Valley

Not long ago, we were on our way to visit a certain house with our booklets for Daily Bible Reading and on the way we passed by the home of a sincere Christian woman. As it was only a few days since we had last visited her, we did not stop but went right on to the house we had in mind. We had not been seated long when Mabel got up hastily and went back the way we had come. She had seen what had escaped me. The woman whose house we had passed by, realizing she had been missed, had run up one hill and down another to ask why we had passed her by. With tears in her eyes she begged us to return before going home and so we did. She had a cot in the cool shade of an imali tree when we arrived and she gathered up her small children to have a little visit with us. We read the passage for the day, then before we had prayer, Tara said: ''Please pray especially for us. Since the beginning of the new year, we have been making a greater effort to do better, to have regular worship and to walk in the Spirit but there are so many hindrances and alone it is so hard.'' Yes, alone it is hard, but when we feel that others are sharing our burdens, striving in prayer with and for us, we are wonderfully strengthened.

The other day it was brought home to me that probably there is a greater hunger and desire for spiritual fellowship on the part of the women than we are aware of. It was almost noon time and we had been gone all morning. Mabel had a young baby at home who would be hungry and it was lunch time at the bungalow. We did not want to delay but right on the way was the home of one of the masters, a fine young man who would be in school, we knew, but his wife and small children would be at home. We thought we would stop and leave them a Bible Reading Book. We did so and after a very short visit, began making excuses preparatory to leaving. ''But'', we were told, ''You always have prayer and you cannot go until we have had worship together.'' Feeling quite rebuked, I led in prayer and what a blessed time of fellowship that was! As we left, the young mother thanked us and said how she wished we could come every day. That, of course is impossible both for us here with our many and varied duties and for you in Canada. How blessed it is, however, to realize that we can hold one another in our hearts and in prayer before the throne of Grace. Alone it is so hard, but praise God through the ministry of prayer, it is possible for us ''to share one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.''

O Happy Home

O happy home, where thou art loved the dearest,
Thou loving friend and Saviour of our race,
And where among the guests there never cometh
One who can hold such high and honored place.

O happy home, where each one serves thee, lowly,
Whatever his appointed work may be,
Till every common task seems great and holy,
When it is done, O Lord, as unto Thee.

—Selected.

"Let's Climb the Mountain"

BY FRIEDA E. MATTHEWS

Miss Frieda E. Matthews

THIS was the cry of the girls as they reached our cabin built on the gentle slope at the foot of the mountain. These girls had come from a mining town in the dry prairie lands of Southern Alberta. There were few trees in their town to protect them from the dry scorching winds in the summer and the cold, bitter blizzards in the winter. Their hills were only little knolls. Their drinking water was brought from a city eighteen miles away and sold for fifty cents a barrel.

No wonder the campers hurried with their unpacking. They needed no urging to do their camp duties that evening for they had been promised that the next day they might climb the mountain.

In the early morning we started. We paused often to gaze in wonder at the beauty all about us, sometimes to look at the pretty little mountain town we had left far below, sometimes to watch the water from a waterfall as it cascaded down a steep cliff of the mountain, sometimes to stand in awe as we looked across to other great mountain peaks, and once we stood still in a little cloud that was in our path. But always there was someone to say "Let us go higher". Higher and higher we climbed until we came to the top. Here we found a lake of clear emerald water. On its banks, even though it was July, there were little drifts of snow. The beauty of the scene was breath-taking and for a few moments the gay chatter and loud laughter were stilled as we stood on that lakeshore.

As one looks back on those days of mountain climbing one is conscious that this is really what camp means to those who have the privilege of attending any one of the many camps across our Dominion. Most of the waking hours are spent in God's great out-of-doors, in worship, in study and in play. There are the times in camp when the woods re-echo with the noisy chatter and happy laughter and singing of the campers and there are also the periods when there is quiet—the times of meditation and of prayer, days of refreshment and re-creation, when all those little things which tend to draw us away from God are left far behind—and when we climb high—far above the clouds—even to the top of the mountain.

A Cross Country View of Presbyterian Church Camp Sites

Roberts Creek Camp, British Columbia, by Grace Mackay

Last summer, the new Synod's Camp site at Roberts Creek was opened. This site is situated twenty miles up the coast from Vancouver and although it is on the mainland, it can only be reached by boat.

The surroundings are very lovely and are most conducive for a time of happy camping. The camp faces the Straits of Georgia and in the distance can be seen the mountains on Vancouver Island. There is much activity on the water in front of the camp as boats of all sizes ply back and forth. Some of these boats carry passengers, some freight and others, tugs, have booms of logs attached to them.

The camp site has great possibilities. At present there are two cabins and a five room bungalow. These buildings can accommodate twenty-five campers at a time. The meals are eaten on the verandah of the bungalow which overlooks the water. A fresh water stream runs through the property and there is a good stretch of beach for swimming. There is too, ample space for a playground. From July 3 to September 3 the camp will be holding a camp programme for boys, girls (senior, junior, and intermediate camps are planned) and young people.

Camp Wasa, British Columbia, by Marjorie MacKay

At Camp Wasa, Miss MacKay second on left.

CAMP Wasa, possibly the youngest of our Presbyterian camp family, this year looks forward to its third season. The camp is situated on the shore of Lake Wasa in the Columbia Valley between the Rocky and the Selkirk Mountain Ranges in the East Kootenay district of British Columbia. It is the only one in the interior of British Columbia.

Our camp has a lake frontage of 500 feet with an area of about six acres. This land has been purchased by the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). Mention should also be made of the co-operation of the Department of Lands of the British Columbia government. Further help has been given by Mr. Colin Cameron who operates a lumber mill at Wasa. He has donated the lumber for two of our buildings and has given a promise of further assistance this year.

In the first year, we had but one camp—for junior boys and girls. Last year we had three. One for juniors and one each for the boys and girls. At the girls' camp last year were two campers from the Sunday School at Porthill, Idaho, a school conducted by our minister at Creston, B.C., Reverend N. G. Robertson. The camp thus had an international flavour with both American and Canadian flags being run up at flag raising and the national anthems of both countries being sung.

This year, plans are being made for the building of a lodge and possibly another sleeping cabin. Camp Wasa is a recognized camp of the Synod of British Columbia under the supervision of the Presbytery of Kootenay.

Camp Kannawin, Sylvan Lake, Alberta, by Athalie Read

Church Service at Camp Kannawin

Camp Kannawin, situated on the beautiful wooded shoreline of Sylvan Lake, attracts campers from as far north in Alberta as Lloydminster and as far south as Lethbridge. Many of our campers come from the rural areas surrounding the town of Red Deer as well as from the larger centres of Edmonton and Calgary. New cabins have been added to accommodate the increased number of campers. At the present time we can house fifty comfortably.

Each year the Synod's Camp Committee has made improvements to the camp site and to its equipment. More trees have been cleared, the road into the camp has been improved, a new boat has been purchased and last, but not least, an electric light plant was purchased for the camp. Also, we must take note of how the women of our Church in Alberta met the requests of the Camp Committee so generously by giving quilts, blankets, dishes and cutlery. We have about seventy quilts and blankets available for the use of the campers. This helps a great deal for campers coming from a long distance.

We can justly be proud of Camp Kannawin. It stands second to none in the province of Alberta because of its comfortable cabins situated on a beautiful site and also because of the good fun and Christian fellowship which all campers enjoy.

Christopher Lake Camp, Saskatchewan, by Ruby Walker

On beautiful Christopher Lake, thirty miles north of Prince Albert the Presbyterian Camp is found. Since the first camp, held in 1945, many improvements have been made and to-day the camp is well equipped. On the spacious, wooded grounds of more than one hundred acres, there is a most attractive lodge with a fine recreation room, dining room and kitchen downstairs and dormitory upstairs. The fireplace creates a very homey atmosphere in the recreation room. It is built of stones collected in the district. Four staff cabins face the lake. There is a fine stretch of sandy beach sloping gradually into the water. To Christopher Lake Camp come girls and boys, young people and adults from the Presbyteries of Prince Albert and Saskatoon.

Lodge at Christopher Lake.

Shoal Lake Camp, Manitoba, by Margaret Webster

Situated one hundred miles south-east of Winnipeg in the Lake of the Woods district, the Presbyterian camp at Shoal Lake is one of the most beautiful of our Canadian camp sites. The last seven miles of the journey into camp must be made by boat. The memory of that trip lingers long in the mind of every Shoal Lake camper. The lake is dotted with tiny, rocky islands covered with evergreens. Along the way, the boat passes several Indian villages with their birch bark houses and their tall "tender birds". Four miles from camp, the boat crosses the Manitoba-Ontario boundary.

Shoal Lake Camp

The camp site itself is as beautiful as the surrounding country. The main part of the property is a peninsula jutting out into the lake. Originally it was the first location of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School. The old school building serves as dining hall and recreation hall. Campers live in cabins scattered among the trees. The place that is perhaps remembered best by every Shoal Lake camper is Chapel Rock, situated high on the end of the peninsula.

Consecreation of Youth

No grudging service, Lord to Thee we offer,
No lagging feet, nor faces grim with care;
No tardy tasks, wrought by unwilling fingers,
Nor hearts grown hard and weary with despair.
Young hands and strong we offer for Thy service;
Tasks wrought sincerely, eyes with vision filled;
Eager minds attuned to hope and beauty,
Wistful young souls, with love and longing thrilled.
—J. Dickinson.

Kintail Camp, Synod of Hamilton and London, by Reverend Richard Stewart, London

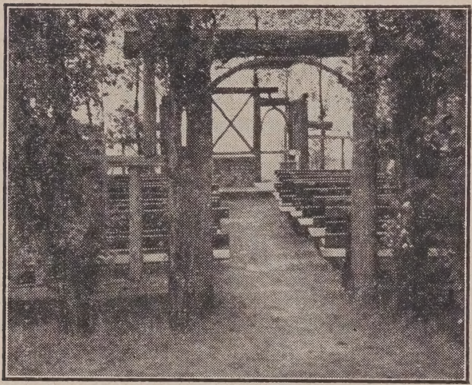
Kintail Camp is located on the elevated banks of Lake Huron, seventeen miles north of Goderich. The camp property is approximately ten acres in area with an expansive lake frontage. Dominating the area is the two-storey Dining and Assembly Hall with sleeping accommodation in the upper floor for staff members. On the brow of the hill are five cabins with sleeping space for twelve campers each. In addition are two larger cabins to house thirty-five persons. Several years ago a former Church building was erected on the camp site and present plans call for the conversion of this building into a large Dining Hall with sleeping quarters for forty or fifty campers in dormitories on the second floor. A rustic Outdoor Chapel is one of the beauty spots. Summer camps are operated for children, girls, boys and young people.

Each year finds the camp improved, with additional equipment. Its natural beauty creates a charm that entices and enthrals. The writer sees great possibilities in Kintail and looks forward to the day when its possibilities having been seized upon by the Synod of Hamilton and London camps with several hundred in attendance will be the regular thing. He sees visions and dreams dreams.

One can scarcely find a more delightful spot to spend a week or ten days. The physical surroundings, the sunrises and the sunsets, the reflection of the moon on the water, the bracing air, the blazing camp-fires, the nourishing food, the splendid fellowship and many other things all conspire together to win one's affection for the place. Inspiring lectures and leadership by consecrated leaders, simple worship and earnest Bible study are unforgettable. And what ought one to say regarding the camp spirit, the wholesome fun and frolic, the hearty good-will and co-operation? these from the standpoint of administration are invaluable assets upon which we may build a larger and more successful camp.

If the main aim of a holiday is physical and spiritual refreshment and inspiration, to set the thought currents running in new channels, to exercise a different set of muscles, to chat with new sets of people and if one feels so disposed to forget the day of the week, except the Sabbath, then that aim and ideal can be realized at Kintail. A financial campaign to raise $10,000.00 for complete rehabilitation of the camp property is under way. When the work is completed Kintail will be in a position to make a noteworthy contribution to the Christian teaching and physical and spiritual development of all youth within the bounds of the Synod.

Glen Mohr Presbyterian Camp, by Mabel Booth



Out-door Chapel at Glen Mohr Camp

During the last twenty years many footsteps have passed over the threshold of Glen Mohr Camp. Boys and girls, young people and adults have listened to lectures, stories, discussions, made things with their hands, talked of how to improve their groups at home, made decisions under the grove of maples and played games on its campus.

The outstanding feature of Glen Mohr is the chapel, surrounded by stately elm trees which make a natural arch high above our heads. Through the St. Andrew's Cross we have watched the setting of the sun across Lake Simcoe and have thought, ''Surely the Lord is in this place.'' At a Junior Camp a little girl expressed it thus, ''I was sorry when we had to leave.''

We have sat on the rocky shore line and watched the lapping of the waves on the shore while the camp fires burned to heat our food or supply warmth and light as the voices of the young have wafted over the beautiful Lake Simcoe with songs of joy and hymns of praise.

An important part of the camp is the accommodation for sleeping and eating. The Glen Mohr Camp Committee have provided ample and satisfactory facilities for both. One large building has a central place with a dining hall and common room on the main floor. On rainy days as well as cool evenings, the common room with its stone fire place has proved a very attractive spot. The sleeping accommodation upstairs provides four rooms for thirty-two campers and two staff rooms for six leaders with running water in each room. There are also five cabins for approximately fifty. Glen Mohr is six miles from Beaverton and about seventy-five miles north of Toronto.

The name Glen Mohr means for many good times, friendships made, pleasant memories and a time of enrichment spiritually and physically. Those, who in years to come will enter its gate, will find a tradition which they too will want to pass on to others.

Peace Memorial Camp, Lancaster, Ontario, by Muriel Judd

The Presbyterian Peace Memorial Camp is situated about three miles east of the village of Lancaster on the shore of Lake St. Francis. It is ideally located for the more populous parts of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, being about 55 miles from Montreal and a little farther from Ottawa. Its grounds, which cover about 18 acres, reach from the lake to the Toronto-Montreal highway, and the buses stop at the lane upon request, making the camp very easy of access. There are two buildings, which were formerly army barracks. The main building has running water, while both have electricity. Safe swimming is assured in the cove which forms the shoreline.

Campfire at Peace Memorial Camp, Lancaster.

The camp is just a ''child'', scarcely three years old, so it is still in the process of growing and developing. Yet already it has made a place for itself in the hearts of those who have spent pleasant and profitable times there. As its name implies, it is the Synod's memorial to the men who gave their lives in the last war. What more fitting memorial could there be than one which is dedicated to the purpose of helping children and young people to know and to follow Him Who is the Prince of Peace?

An Adult Camp at Christopher Lake

MRS. ROSS DOWNEY, SASKATOON, SASK.

SOMETIMES we judge things by their financial worth. "How much did it cost?" we ask. I have just come back from an adult camp and I want to put in words some of the values of that camp in other than dollars and cents. I do not know whether that camp paid expenses but I do know that the meals were wonderful. I do not know how each mother and child there financed their stay at camp but I do know that the price per day was by far the cheapest holiday of any that I saw advertised this summer.

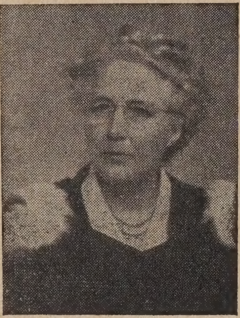
Come with me, breakfast is over. It is time for worship then for Bible study and perhaps we shall continue our study of the missionaries of our Church. We have already followed, step by step the journey of Reverend Malcolm Ransom and his family from the time they left San Francisco until the present time. We have been following the work of Miss Hildur Hermanson too. She was with us at Christopher Lake last year. We wondered if we had done all we could to help these people in their work during this past year. We have a handwork period at our camp, just as the younger ones do. We were very practical about the things we made. There were bonny napkin rings of plastic decorated with a blossom; a dozen serviettes, all with some embroidery and a colourful edging; some beautiful table or dresser runners. These were for Burning Bush Lodge at Carragana. We had a talk on the Lodge, by the way, given by the wife of one of the ministers on the Board which directs its work. Another of the Church projects discussed was the new Training School at Medicine Hat. These down-to-earth discussions impressed themselves indelibly on our minds. They were things we could really talk about.

We had our rest periods too. What a boon they were to weary mothers. We had to take them horizontally. How often would we like to lie down at home but tasks will not allow it. We made real friends with the various groups with whom we washed dishes and peeled potatoes and vegetables. It was fun to do these jobs in our turn because there was always a group doing them. Even if some of us adults found the water in the lake cold, it was real fun to dabble in it a bit and the sun baths on the beach were marvellous.

We left camp truly rested both in mind and body and felt that we were better able to take up our tasks at home. We were better able because our talks and our fellowship had made us more ready to meet the unexpected tasks and problems and to be of greater use to the Master.

The Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School

BY MRS. G. D. RALSTON, B.A., PRINCIPAL



Mrs. G. D. Ralston, B.A.

WOMEN have had a recognized place in the work of the Church since the first century A.D. Paul pays tribute to Phoebe, a deaconess of the church of Cenchrea. He recommends her as one who has been a helper of many, including the apostle himself. Towards the end of the nineteenth century it was evident that women were to have a more active and prominent part in church work. Between the years 1893 and 1897 three major Protestant communions, Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian, established training schools in the city of Toronto, to prepare women for service in the Church.

The Presbyterian training institution came into being in 1897 and was known as the Ewart Training Home. It undertook to prepare women for overseas mission work. During the first eleven years of its existence twenty-six of its graduates were appointed to work beyond the seas while others were entrusted with work in Canada.

Those responsible for the Ewart Training Home soon realized the need to expand its scope. In 1907 the Presbytery of Winnipeg and Synod of Manitoba asked the General Assembly ''to take steps to set apart an order of women who shall be known as deaconesses, who shall serve the churches as nurses, visitors, dispensers of charity and in any other way that may prove desirable.'' Simultaneously the Presbytery of Toronto requested the General Assembly ''to express approval of a change in the constitution of the Ewart Training Home with a view to broadening its scope, and to support and approve at the same time, some method by which graduates may be specially designated by the church, when entering their work.''

In 1908 the General Assembly gave authorization for changing the scope of the Ewart Training Home to include the training of deaconesses. At that time the name was changed to Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home and in 1941 it was again changed to Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School.

The Board of Management of the School, consisting of ministers, men and women representing the membership of the Church and its missionary societies, is appointed by the General Assembly. This

Board has general oversight of the work of the School and is responsible to the General Assembly.

It is the only Presbyterian School in Canada where young women are trained for full-time Christian service. It undertakes to provide young women with training which fits them for service in the different departments of the work of the Church. Its courses are adapted to meet the needs of the students.

The graduates of the School have given and continue to give service of indispensable usefulness to the Church both overseas and in Canada,—as deaconesses in congregational work and in Presbyteries, as Regional Secretaries, as directors of Christian Education, of camp and summer Bible Schools, as supervisors in children's centres, as workers in social service institutions and in the varied services of the Board of Missions and of the Women's Missionary Societies. In whatever capacity the graduate may serve her aim is to present the claims of Jesus Christ to men and women, boys and girls, and to win their allegiance to Him.

Prospective students and interested friends have made many enquiries about the School. Among the most frequent are the following,—What type of students attend the School? What are the requirements for entrance? What is the cost of training? What courses are offered? Do deaconesses marry? What are the chances for employment in the work of the Church? What are the needs of the School?

The students are normal, happy, conscientious young women of high ideals, sincere Christian character and deep conviction and consecration. For the most part they come from homes with a fine Christian background, believing that they are called to prepare for full-time service as trained workers in the Church.

Every applicant is required to have Senior Matriculation standing or its equivalent. If possible she should have had experience in business, industry or in some profession as nursing or teaching. She must submit a satisfactory health record and should be between the ages of eighteen and thirty-five.

No fees are charged for the course but all students are required to live in residence. Living with others in a refined Christian atmosphere is considered an important part of the training. A very moderate rate is charged per week for board and room.

The School offers a three year course. The length of the school year is of approximately seven months' duration. By arrangement a student may be allowed credit in the third year for a specialized course approved by the Studies' Committee. Graduates of universities, nursing and teacher training schools, are required to take such lectures and such length of course as the nature of their appointment and experience in life warrants.

The school does not aim to offer special professional training required for some positions in national and overseas work, but it does provide the background training necessary for Christian service. For example, it does not train the teacher or nurse but it does train her for work as a Christian missionary.

The practical use to be made of the Bible by the missionary and deaconess in her various duties is ever kept before the student. Bible study is given a foremost place in the course which in addition includes the following subjects—Christian Doctrine, Church History, Missions, Christian Education, Psychology, Social Work, English, Personal Evangelism, Typewriting and Office Practice, Public Speaking, Recreational Leadership and Choral Music. During their course students have practical experience in the city churches under careful supervision.

The School is indebted to the Principal and other members of Knox College staff, all of whom have undertaken, as a matter of courtesy, to give lectures in their respective subjects. We are further indebted to the Principal and Senate of Knox College for the use of a classroom in the College.

Many graduates make full-time Christian service their life work, though many marry and establish Christian homes. The training which the student receives is valuable for home and family life. Her experience in working with people helps her to become a valuable member of her community.

Favourably situated in the university section of the city the School is in close proximity to Knox College, the University and Toronto Public Libraries. The residence has attractive reception room, dining room and library as well as bright, comfortable bed-rooms. Life in the residence is an important part of the training. Personality and qualities of leadership are developed and enduring friendships made through shared experiences of worship, which is given an important place in the life of the student, study and recreation.

During the past four years twenty-five young women have graduated and have taken their places in the work of the Church and community. Many more are needed in the work of our Church. Prospective students should be earnest, devoted, conscientious, well-educated young women who will bring to their chosen work not only the courage and enthusiasm of youth but also trained minds and worthy ideals of service. They should be possessed of good physical and mental health—the demands of the work are exacting. They should come to the School prepared to put forth honest effort in mental and spiritual discipline so that they may be fitted for their chosen work.

A Tribute to Miss Luella I. Crockett

THE many friends of Miss Crockett will be saddened to hear of her death in hospital in New Glasgow, N.S., on March 19, 1950. Miss Crockett was ill for some little time and went into hospital for a check-up. No doubt her tragic experiences during the war and her internment by the Japanese in a camp hastened her death. For her it is far, far better but to her relatives and friends a sad loss. She was laid to rest in her old home Hopewell, N.S.

Miss Crockett was appointed to the Women's Missionary Society staff in September 1919 and went out to South China that fall. Miss Crockett was well qualified for her work, a graduate of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, a teacher and business woman. She laboured there till the field of South China was given to the United Church in 1925. On her return to Canada she did work for the Society with the Chinese in Canada, also much deputation work.

In 1929 Miss Crockett was appointed to Manchuria, the first appointee of the Women's Missionary Society to that field. She laboured there as an evangelist until 1931 when she resigned. The country was war torn and the missionaries were forced to come home. Miss Crockett closed our mission alone and saw that all of value was sent away for safe keeping. She herself went to Peking where she carried on a fine work among the rickshaw men and their families and also helped many Chinese boys and girls with their English. When war came she was interned for two and a half years. In 1946 she was released and returned to Peking where she worked till war again forced her home. As a Society we will ever remember Miss Crockett's work. Never one to talk much about her work, she was devoted, consecrated and much loved by all. Her experiences in the internment camp, horrible though they must have been, were never dwelt on in her conversation but the marks left on her were with her to the end.

Now she is at rest and with that Saviour whose she was and whom she served.

Our sympathy goes out to her sister and brother in their loss.

—(*Mrs. Daniel*) *Helen M. Strachan.*

Love was the key note of Miss Crockett's life and work. She always stressed strongly that to do the Master's work one must love that work, they must love the people to whom the word is being taken and most of all they must have a deep and trusting love of God. Her love for the Chinese whom she served, sent her many times to call on their relatives and friends in Canada as she journeyed across the country speaking of her work. These visits were often made after a meeting, perhaps instead of a social gathering in her honour. No task was too great or too small for her if it would be a help or an inspiration to those she loved. Those who were privileged in any way to be a friend to her, were never forgotten. She was a wonderful friend and a great inspiration to all who knew her.

—*(Mrs. A. B.) Gertrude Cruickshank.*

Prayer

OUR Father in Heaven, Thou who didst make earth and Heaven and all that in them is, humbly we call upon Thy Name, to glorify Thee, to give thanks for Thy great mercies, to ask pardon for our sins and to seek Thy guidance in our everyday lives.

We thank Thee, dear Lord, for Thy servants who have gone from this land to minister to the hearts, minds and bodies of those who long to know of Thy love and Thy salvation. We thank Thee that Thou hast spoken to men and women here at home and led them to carry Thy Word to every part of this Dominion. Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving that thou hast placed our lives in this glorious land. We give Thee thanks for all the beauty and wealth of natural resources which surround us, and that we may live here free to call upon Thy Name and free to use the gifts Thou hast given us.

We pray, O Lord, that we may rightfully use our gifts. Guide us, as women dedicated to assist in teaching Thy Word, that we may make every possible effort to do Thy will. May young people learn more of Thee at Church camps this summer. Help us to do our part in making such Christian teaching and living possible. Be with those who are venturing forth on special summer work for our Society and for our Church. May their ministry be a blessing to many. Wilt Thou bless and guide all teachers, preachers, doctors and nurses who are labouring at home and abroad as missionaries of the Gospel. Be with us as we look forward to the summer season with all its revelation of Thy love in the beauty of land and sea, mountain and plain. May we truly appreciate our holiday time and may our hearts be drawn ever closer to Thee to do Thy will. These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Vacation Schools in the Peace River, 1949

BY LILY M. MACARTHUR AND ATHALIE READ

Miss Lily Macarthur

The pictures on the opposite page will, we hope, give some idea of the activities of the eight Church Vacation schools conducted last July and August in the Peace River area. Follow the pattern of a day in vacation school from the time the children arrive, by truck, car, horseback, by bicycle and on foot.

A home, public schools, and churches gave us accommodation. Sessions were held both in the buildings and out-of-doors. See one group busy making maps of Palestine. Look closely and you may see the outlines of the large map on the wall. The fifth picture (reading from left to right) shows the background for a village in Palestine. The children are holding miniature houses, wells, synagogues, trees and people. In the sixth picture, notice the steeple on the little church made by the older boys of the group. Their Bible study was based on the theme: ''Worshipping God''. The little folk had talks on the Heavenly Father's love and care and stories about Jesus.

Because many of the children came miles to attend the schools, the programme was carried on in the morning and afternoon sessions. Lunch, games and a rest for the young children took care of the between-session time. At two schools, parents and friends brought lunches on the last days and the closing became very festive with a picnic and games for all.

One hopes that the many who helped by gifts, prayers, interest and service, to make possible these schools will find satisfaction in the realization that they too shared in giving the message of the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ, to the girls and boys of the Peace River area.

Miss Athalie Read

The Presbyterian Training School, Medicine Hat is Dedicated

ST. JOHN'S Presbyterian Church, Medicine Hat was the scene of the service of dedication of the new Presbyterian Training School at Medicine Hat. The school is an institution of The Presbyterian Church in Canada under the supervision of its Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies within the Synod of Alberta. This school will offer a course of studies in Christian faith and knowledge for Church workers. Members of the Women's Missionary Society are deeply interested in this new school. Legacy money left to our Society was used in its purchase and in the repairs necessary in fitting the building for use as a school. Details of these expenditures can be found in the April issue of *Glad Tidings.* The main gift used was one left by the late Jessie Davidson which came to us through the auxiliary at St. Andrew's Church, Guelph.

An account of the dedication of the school appeared in the *Medicine Hat News.* We quote from it some of the details of the proceedings. The fact that the opening of the school has created great interest throughout the province was indicated by the many messages of congratulation which were received by Squadron Leader, the Reverend James Dunn, Chairman of the Board of Managers of the school. Among those who made known their interest were the Premier of Alberta, Mr. E. C. Manning, the Minister of Industries and Labour, Dr. J. L. Robinson, and Mr. W. D. Wylie, M.P. and Mrs. Wylie. Squadron Leader Dunn told how the establishing of the school received its impetus from Mr. A. Hodges of Calgary who, at the 1949 General Assembly in Kitchener, promised financial aid if the Assembly would sanction the school. Reverend James Clarke, General Secretary of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies preached the dedication sermon. He expressed appreciation on behalf of his Board for all the material help which had been received. Special mention was made of the Women's Missionary Society W.D. and of Reverend Robert Taylor who has done much in supervising the work of establishing the school. Mr. Clarke spoke of Jesus' last words to His disciples: ''go and teach all nations''. By these words Jesus revealed His intentions for the Church, that it should live by teaching. He gave this commandment to His Church and we cannot disobey it without suffering.

Following the service, the guests adjourned to the school to witness the opening ceremonies. Mr. Dunn first introduced Mrs. George Metcalfe, President of Alberta Synodical Society who presented

Reverend Robert Taylor with the key to the school. Mr. Dunn offered the Prayer of Dedication which was followed by the Declaration for Service by Mr. Taylor. A social hour completed the service with Reverend Jesse E. Bigelow, Superintendent of the school and Mrs. Bigelow, Matron; Reverend R. L. and Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. George Metcalfe, Mrs. G. G. Elder and Reverend and Mrs. Dunn receiving the guests.

Camp Conference, Evening Department

From Montreal and Ottawa Synodical news by Miss Isabel Hill, Ottawa.

A NEW venture in Evening Department work is to be tried out during the week-end of June 24th and 25th when the members of Evening Auxiliaries within the Montreal and Ottawa Synodical Society will hold a camp conference at the Peace Memorial Camp, near Lancaster, Ontario. Final arrangements are still being made, but the plan agreed on is to have outstanding speakers to tell of the work of the Women's Missionary Society; to hold discussions on the Evening Department programme and responsibilities; and to present a pageant depicting the work of the Women's Missionary Society. This project is sponsored by the Synodical Society with the committee in charge made up of the Synodical Evening Department Secretary and the several Presbyterial Evening Department Secretaries.

Notes From Synodical News

We notice as we read the news that comes to us of your activities, that there are many interesting things being carried on in your auxiliaries. To bring some of these activities to your special attention we are establishing this column. We hope that it adds to your interest in the work that is being done.

Saskatchewan Synodical, Prince Albert Presbyterial

The Senior Auxiliary of Tisdale Church, entertained the Mission Band, their mothers and leaders at a recent meeting. A letter was read from a thirteen year old boy in Germany. He had received a sweater from one of the auxiliary members through the Church bales for European children and was expressing his gratitude for the gift.

Hamilton and London Synodical, Huron Presbyterial

Huron Presbyterial at the annual meeting adopted as its watchword for 1950: THE GLAD TIDINGS IN EVERY HOME.

London Presbyterial

The Presbyterial executive chartered a bus that delegates and interested members of the Society from St. Thomas and London might attend the annual Synodical meetings held recently in Brantford.

The Past, the Present, and the Future of Missions in Our Church

As Reported at the Annual Meeting of the General Board of Missions

THE annual plenary sessions of the General Board of Missions have just ended in Toronto. It is at these meetings that policy for the mission work of our Church is set forth by representatives from all the Synods of the Church, from the Women's Missionary Society, Eastern Division and from The Women's Missionary Society, Western Division.

The meetings this year were more than business meetings. They gave to those who attended a feeling of the growing influence of our Church in this land and of the tremendous needs which it must meet if it is to take its proper place as a Christian force in a land which is fast becoming one of the most important lands in this earth.

Of particular interest to our Society were two decisions of the Board. One is related to our planned advance in India, the other to the advance at home. The proposed medical clinics on the Bhil field in India, the work which the delegation recently returned from the Orient saw as a great need, were sanctioned at these meetings. This means that our Society may proceed to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of thousands of people who have not yet had the opportunity to know the love of God. The second decision was an answer to requests which have come from Presbyteries in Western Canada. These requests were for vans equipped for the use of itinerate missionaries, to go throughout areas where as yet there is no church, preaching and teaching. As a result of this decision, the W.M.S. (W.D.) is planning to send one van to Northern Saskatchewan and one to the area around Rocky Mountain House in the Presbytery of Red Deer, Alberta.

Reports from every Synod showed that advances have been made. They showed also that new work is continually being planned. Every report stressed the need that exists all across our land for the services of the Church. New housing areas are springing up overnight in almost all the larger cities. Large numbers of European peoples have come from the old land. Many of them, particularly Dutch and Hungarians have been brought up in the Presbyterian faith. They look to our Church for spiritual guidance, and they are receiving it in many areas both in the East and in the West. There again, the need is increasing as more and more come to our land. The work among the Chinese has received great impetus this year, particularly as the law now allows Chinese people to bring out their wives and all members of their family under eighteen years of age. Then, too, the Chinese have been granted Canadian citizenship. In Montreal, a new Chinese church will be opened this year. Approximately $25,000 has been raised by the Chinese themselves for the building. The young people have shown great interest in Church activities. This can be attributed in part, to the fact that the ministers and deaconesses of our Church are giving them instruction in language. University students particularly in Toronto and Montreal are taking part in Church activities.

On the overseas fields, the work is being carried on despite the fact that political changes have had some effect upon the conduct of that work. New missionaries have gone to India and to British Guiana. They have replaced several who have retired. Fitting tribute was paid to the memory of Dr. Luther Young, whose services in Japan have been so greatly appreciated by the people there. Dr. Young died in Japan in February just as he was preparing to sail for Canada. Two young missionaries have chosen to remain in Yunnan, that the Christian work there may be continued as long as possible. The work in Taiwan is continuing to expand. New churches are being built on the coast, more meeting places are being opened and more students are enrolled in the Theological College.

One felt as one heard all these reports read as they heard the men explain them and call for increased effort that we were indeed living in a time of opportunity. The extent of work which the Christian Church may do is hardly comprehensible. What finally does come home to us though is the fact that unless we take that opportunity now we will never have the chance again in our time. To keep the message and the teachings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ before the people even in our own land demands our greatest attention, our willing sacrifice and our earnest prayers. To keep faith with our brothers in Christ beyond the seas we must make like offerings. To do anything less would be to deny our faith and our sure knowledge that the Church of Jesus Christ has the answer to the need of the world.

New Organizations

British Columbia

Westminster Presbyterial—Mission Band, Gordon Edmonds, New Westminster. Leader, Mrs. J. McMurphy, 1194 Edmonds St.

Mission Band, Marpole Church, Vancouver. Leader, Mrs. I. MacDougall, 7526 Osler Ave.

Alberta

Calgary Presbyterial—Evening Auxiliary, North Hill Church, Calgary. Pres., Miss Maisie McChesney; Treas., Miss Mildred Hays, Sec., Miss Jean McLagan, 229-20th Ave. N. W.

Peace River Presbyterial—Auxiliary, Grande Prairie. Pres., Mrs. E. M. Ayre; Treas., Mrs. R. Davidson; Sec., Miss E. Boss.

Saskatchewan

Moose Jaw Presbyterial—C.G.I.T., Carragana. Leaders, Miss Agnes Smith and Miss Margaret Stoba.

Mission Band, Carragana. Leaders, Miss Agnes Smith and Miss Margaret Stoba.

Manitoba

Brandon Presbyterial—Mission Band, Melita. Leader, Mrs. D. Lamont. Mission Band, Boissevain. Leader, Mrs. Van Mossel.

Hamilton and London

Huron Presbyterial—C.G.I.T., Seaforth. Leader, Mrs. Lane.

London Presbyterial — Mission Band, Knollwood Park Church, London. Leader, Mrs. Gordon Peddie, 836 Quebec St.

Sarnia Presbyterial—Mission Band, Knox Church, Thedford. Leader, Mrs. I. Northwood.

Stratford Presbyterial—Young Women's Auxiliary, North Mornington, Stratford. Pres., Miss Maureen Leatham; Treas., Miss Audrey Leatham; Sec., Miss Dorothy Gamble, R. R. 1, Britton.

Mission Band, First Church, St. Mary's. Leader, Mrs. W. L. Simpson.

Toronto and Kingston

Lindsay Presbyterial—Mission Band, Knox Church, Glenarm. Leader, Mrs. W. G. Brown.

Montreal and Ottawa

Brockville Presbyterial—Mission Band (reorganized) Ventnor. Leader, Mrs. Andrew Gray.

Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial—Mission Band, Cobden. Leader, Mrs. B. D. Armstrong.

Montreal Presbyterial—Auxiliary, Beauharnois. Pres., Mrs. W. H. Brown; Treas., Miss B. G. Kilgour; Sec., Mrs. Andrew Coburn.

Mission Band, St. Andrew and St. Paul Church, Montreal. Leader, Mrs. D. W. Oswald, 4525 Ridgevale Ave.

Transferred to Evening Department as of January 1st, 1950

Guelph Presbyterial

Acton, ''Alert Auxiliary''
Campbellville, ''Blair Auxiliary''
Fergus, ''Inasmuch Auxiliary''
Galt—Central, ''Iris Errey Auxiliary''
Galt—Knox, ''Evening Auxiliary''
Galt—St. Andrew's, ''Errey Auxiliary''
Guelph—Knox, ''New Century Group''
Guelph—St. Andrew's, ''Daughters of St. Andrew's''
Guelph—St. Paul's, ''Evening Auxiliary''
Hespeler, ''Ellen Anderson''
Kitchener—St. Andrew's, ''Agnes Jackson Auxiliary''
Puslinch, Duffs—''Evening Auxiliary''

Announcement

The address of the offices of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) continues as formerly: Room 800, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto.

—(*Mrs. W. L.*) *Beatrice MacLennan*,
Corresponding Secretary.

News Up To The Moment

Miss Janet Carruthers, for the past number of years the nurse at Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School has retired from her post there. Miss Kathleen Stewart, Reg.N. has transferred from Birtle to Cecilia Jeffrey.

Several weeks ago, a letter came to our office from Mrs. Louis de Groot. The main news was the announcement of the birth of her daughter, Helen Hildur. She writes that they are all very happy in their life in Formosa and that they are anxious to finish their language study that they might work more and more into the tasks that are awaiting them in that beautiful island.

Correction: Last month we announced the appointment of Mrs. Leatherdale as hospital visitor in Montreal. We stated that her home was Coldstream. We wish to correct that statement. Mrs. Leatherdale's home is Coldwater, Ontario.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

THE year 1950 is an historic occasion in The Presbyterian Church in Canada for it marks the 75th Anniversary of its formation by the coming together of the various branches of our Church which had existed in Canada prior to 1875.

To mark this occasion a book has been published by the 75th Anniversary Committee entitled OUR HERITAGE AND OUR FAITH. This book is divided into two parts. The first part *Our Priceless Heritage,* by Dr. John McNab is written as a story which should appeal to young and old. As we read we learn how Presbyterianism came to be and are made ''conscious of the Presbyterian family scattered throughout the whole world''; of the coming of the Burning Bush to Canada and the formation and organization of The Presbyterian Church in Canada; of its place in the ''Presbyterian Family'' and in the world-wide Christian Church; of how our Church spread across this land and carried the Gospel to lands beyond the seas through the faithful, devoted service of outstanding men and women; and finally we are led to consider the question, ''Why are we Presbyterians by choice?'' and with ''faces toward the future'' are challenged to the service of Jesus Christ through the service of the Church.

In the second part *The Essence of our Faith,* Dr. F. Scott Mackenzie achieves the aim outlined in the foreword, ''to set forth in simple language and in as brief a space as possible, without sacrificing clarity and precision of statement, the substance of what we as professing Christian people and as members of this Church, most surely believe,'' as in the six chapters he deals respectively with ''Our Faith in God, in Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, in the Triune God, in the Church and in the Life Everlasting''.

This is an appropriate time for those who are familiar with the history of our Church to refresh their memories and for those who do not know it to become acquainted with the ''priceless heritage'' that belongs to its members and with the ''essence of our faith'' which is so great a part of our heritage. As the Moderator has commented, ''If you want to know the history of your Church, its deeds of valour, its faith and its teaching, read this book.'' See that there is a copy in every home in your congregation and on every Auxiliary Bookshelf.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

HAVE you planned something special for your May or June meeting? Many Auxiliaries choose either of these months for a specially arranged Home Helpers meeting. Home Helpers might receive a written invitation followed by a visit or a telephone call. Arrangements might be made to bring them to the meeting. The Welcome and Welfare Secretary may have some names to add to the list and this would be a good opportunity to get to know one another.

The Supply Secretary should have some part, and she might interest the Home Helpers in some of her work.

The Glad Tidings Secretary will surely want to meet the Home Helpers who are taking *The Glad Tidings* or might want it.

Mothers with small children will enjoy the meeting more, if someone could care for the children in another room.

The President and the Home Helpers Secretary might plan the meeting and either one or both could preside. Have as many Home Helpers take part as possible. The programme beginning with a worship service should not be too long, and should be bright and interesting. Some of the new and specially interesting work of the Society might be featured.

Above all make it an occasion of good fellowship when all the members of the Auxiliary (Home Helpers and active members) are present when they will feel all one over a friendly cup of tea.

Oh, yes! Don't forget to invite the leaders of the other groups—Children's, Girls' and Young Women's.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

Camp in 1950

ARE you going to camp this year? It is not too early to start making your plans. We have such beautiful camp sites scattered throughout the province and all are well equipped and quite accessible. There are: Lancaster, Glen Mohr, Kintail in Ontario, Shoal Lake, Manitoba, Christopher Lake, Saskatchewan, Camp Kannawin, Alberta and Wasa Lake Camp and Roberts Creek Camp in British Columbia.

If you have been at camp, we feel sure that you will agree that the time seems all too short but you do return home feeling spiritually uplifted and physically refreshed. Whether you have camped for a week or just for a week-end, you will be glad that you have been there. We would like to see the members of our young women's auxiliaries take advantage of the opportunities provided at our camps. The fellowship and enthusiasm you experience, is something you will always remember. The Sunday morning service by the lake with the beauties of nature all around you is most inspiring. As one camper said: ''All in all, it was a wonderful camp. We swam a lot, ate a lot, laughed a lot and learned a lot.''

Will you discuss, at your auxiliary meeting, the possibility of going to camp? Will you discuss too, one other possibility? There may be a small boy or girl in your Sunday School or Mission Band who would like the chance to go to a children's camp. Perhaps he would like the chance but he has not the necessary funds. Here is an opportunity for you to do that exciting piece of missionary work you have been talking of doing. So plan to go yourselves and do not forget the ''little fellow'' who wants to go to camp too.

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

CAMP committees have been on the job for some months past making arangements for this summer's activities. ''Why plan so early?'' you are probably asking. The answer is, simply, that there is much to be done.

First of all, there are arrangements to be made for a suitable director—not an easy person to find, for a director has the responsibility of the entire camp. Then there is the business manager to appoint. Leaders must be procured who are well qualified to meet the requirements of Presbyterian camp committees. A qualified nurse and a good cook are essential.

After all personnel arrangements have been made, the publicity campaign begins. Unless this is done thoroughly and well, there will be few people at the camp to take advantage of the extensive preparation already undertaken. ''Are all these people really necessary for the operating of a camp?'' Yes, indeed they are and it is felt that the finest people that can be secured are the only ones who can give our young people the kind of training and supervision that we all want them to have.

One of the great benefits derived from camping is living side by side with consecrated leaders. How important it is that they be persons of deep religious experience and fine Christian character. Then too, camp does wonders in teaching self-reliance and here one learns how to get along with others, one of life's most important lessons. One hardly needs to mention the other important activities which are engaged in by busy campers, activities such as nature study, swimming, handcraft, music and most important of all, Bible study in which a well qualified leader gives instruction.

If you are a teen-ager, do try to have at least one session at camp. Of course if you go this year, you will not only want to go back next year, but you will want to take all your friends with you because camping is such fun!

If you are a parent, do not hesitate to allow your child to attend camp. As has been said, camps are carefully supervised and great care is taken to ensure the safety and well-being of all campers.

To leaders of groups, Sunday School executives and auxiliary members, may we suggest that you make it possible for some teen-ager within your church to attend camp? If you have a shortage of leaders in your school, choose some girl who shows qualities of potential leadership and you will reap great dividends on a small investment.

There are beautiful camps in each of the provinces. Let us make full use of them this year and do our utmost to see that as many young people as possible are allowed to have the happy experience of life at camp.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, *Secretary*

Dear Leaders, Teachers and Mothers:

DOES your Mission Band or Explorer group close down or dwindle away during the summer? The holiday season when all God's beautiful world contributes to the fullest joy and gladness of our boys and girls is a wonderful time to direct their interest and activity into wholesome channels for the development of Christian character. Daily Church Vacation Schools are held in many communities and have for the most part, been so interesting and such fun that the children have been sorry when the ''school'' was over for the season. Worship, play, handcrafts, and singing out of doors under the blue sky, with perhaps excursions to woods and fields and lunch together under a shady tree give summer play time a happy Christ-centred purpose. The aimlessness and discontent of ''nothing to do'', become the wholesome excitement of fascinating planned activities. With naturalness and ease, children develop a sense of belonging to God, and of fellowship in His Church. They acquire a knowledge of God's word and of God's world through study. They gain a sense of achievement through helping others and learning to co-operate through play.

Is there a Church Vacation School in your community? Helpers will be needed very badly. Will you volunteer? If there is not a school in your community, why not organize one? You will find it very rewarding both for yourself and for your children. You can procure the text books for different age groups or one text for a small school including all ages. These books are reasonably priced and are interestingly prepared. The suggestions for worship, Bible study, handwork and play are most complete and very helpful. You will be quite surprised to find out how easily and naturally, Jesus can be made very real to children. Even the inexperienced leader will feel confident if she reads through the course carefully and follows the programmes and suggestions. The children, if it is the first attendance at vacation school will learn things they never knew before, they will do things they never did before, they will play games and sing songs such as they have never done before. Are you hesitant about starting a vacation school because you do not know how to organize it or how to secure a worth while attendance? That information is included among the free literature that you may have for the asking. Write to the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, 63 St. George St., Toronto for a pamphlet on this subject.

This year a most interesting missionary project is awaiting the co-operation of our Vacation School children. Lovely coloured pictures of Bible scenes and characters are very familiar to most of our little ones. Pictures such as the baby Moses, young Samuel answering the call of God in the temple, David praying, the Wise Men worshipping the Christ Child, Jesus blessing the little children are favourites. In many lands, especially in Europe, little children have no pictures to help make the Bible stories real for them, so the pupils attending Church vacation schools are asked to give their offering that the coloured pictures may be sent abroad.

Now, wouldn't you like to have a part in this Christian work? Will you encourage your own children and all the children you know to go to Church Vacation School this summer? Let us all remember to pray for this work for we know that any Christian venture undertaken in our own strength without utter dependence upon God cannot succeed. Elsewhere in this issue, you will find some very interesting pictures of a series of vacation schools conducted in the Peace River district last summer by Miss Lily Macarthur and Miss Athalie Read with very little equipment, but the children were very eager and many came from long distances to attend.

Here is something else that is interesting! Do you know that there is a very fine letter form all ready printed, requiring only the signature of the worker among children, be it Sunday School teacher or superintendent or leader of a Mission Band, or Explorer group, to be sent out to parents giving them ideas and suggestions on how they may make God more real to their children through their every-day experiences, during the summer? In many congregations where there is a general exodus to cottages and summer resorts, the children are apt to be away from religious teaching unless the parents assume the responsibility. Many parents feel inadequate and would like help. These letters can also be procured, free of charge, from the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies.

May the summer vacation be a time of richer Christian experience for all our children.

Yours in the Master's service,
—*Jean S. Wallace.*

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. W. Barlow, 149 W. 5th St.,
North Vancouver, Press Secretary

KAMLOOPS-Okanagan Presbyterial—The 24th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held February 20 and 21 in St. Andrew's Church, Penticton. Kamloops, Armstrong and Vernon were represented. Mrs. W. Gill, presided at all sessions. The Reverend W. Ross extended a welcome and led in the devotions at the morning and evening sessions of the first day. Satisfactory reports were given by all the departmental secretaries. The treasurer reported that the allocation had been exceeded. Mrs. Robert Pollock, Synodical President, assisted in the discussions, and also gave an excellent address and installed the officers.

Miss Ruby Walker, guest speaker, painted a most vivid word picture of our missionary endeavours both national and overseas. We trust her message will bear much fruit. A film on Japan entitled ''We Bear Witness'', and a display of Japanese curios and pictures, arranged by Mrs. J. Colthurst of Penticton who was in costume, added much to the success of the Presbyterial.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Penticton, recently honoured their treasurer, Mrs. F. Hall, for twenty years of faithful service.

Kootenay Presbyterial—The 36th annual meeting of Kootenay Presbyterial was held in St. Stephen's Church, Creston, in February. Delegates from Trail, Nelson, Cranbrook and Kimberley, were present. The theme was ''Walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.'' Mrs. Robert Pollock, Synodical President, and Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary for Manitoba and Saskatchewan, also attended the meeting. These ladies with their great enthusiasm for the work of the Women's Missionary Society gave liberally of their knowledge and experience, providing inspiration to all for greater service in the cause of missions. All reports evidenced great interest both spiritual and financial. A pleasing feature of the evening session was singing by the young ladies' choir of St. Stephen's Church. Mrs. Roulston, president-elect, commended the ladies for their fine performance, as did Miss Walker, who thanked them for their presence. She said she wanted the girls to know that their services were very much appreciated and she hoped that some of them would accept the challenge for greater service in the work of the Church.

Victoria Presbyterial—The 36th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, in February. The treasurer reported an increase. All auxiliaries exceeded the previous year's offerings. Mrs. F. Moore reporting on senior auxiliaries stated there were 144 active members and 53 Home Helpers. The Welcome and Welfare secretary reported that from efforts in this department four women joined auxiliaries and five children joined the Sunday School. A senior group of the children's department hopes to raise money to send boys and girls to summer camps, thus promoting camp life.

Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary for Saskatchewan and Manitoba, was guest speaker. She described work being done on the Jhansi and Bhil fields, and the efforts to train nationals for future work. Of work in Taiwan, she commented that it was fraught with uncertainty and no one could prophesy the future. The picture was brighter in Yunnan, British Guiana and among the Koreans in Japan. Returning to home missions she described the Chinese work in Victoria and Vancouver; work being done in three Indian Schools, in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. She told of the deaconess work and its importance in the life of the Church. The installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. Robert Pollock, Synodical President.

Westminster Presbyterial—St. Aidan's Auxiliary, New Westminster, held an interesting meeting in the church hall, where, in spite of inclement weather, there was a large audience to hear Miss Lily Simpson. She gave a stimulating talk on her work in India which was much enjoyed. After the meeting a social hour gave interested friends an opportunity to meet Miss Simpson personally.

St. Paul's Auxiliary, Vancouver, had as guest speaker, Mrs. D. A. Fowlie who spoke on the different phases of social service work.

ALBERTA

MRS. M. S. BLACKBURN, BOX 68,
BANFF, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY Presbyterial—At a recent meeting of Calgary Presbyterial, Mrs. C. E. Jamieson took office as President. Each Secretary answered the roll call by giving the names of corresponding officers in each of the Auxiliaries.

Some members of Alberta Synodical and of Calgary Presbyterial, spent a very pleasant evening recently enjoying the hospitality of members of Calvin Hungarian Church. About eighty people were present, including visitors from Morley and Taber in Alberta and from the Hungarian congregation at Abbotsford, B.C. Directed by Dr. and Mrs. Toth, the members of Calvin Sunday School put on a play in the Hungarian language. Mrs. Toth directed the choir in several musical numbers. Miss Athalie Read, Regional Secretary, in addressing the gathering on ''Our Oneness in Christ'' stressed the fact that the Hungarian congregations have a mission field right at home in bringing new Canadians into the fellowship of the Church.

Red Deer Presbyterial—The Carstairs auxiliary met recently to discuss ways and means of meeting the allocation and necessary expenses. The Press Secretary writes: ''We are trying very hard to increase our membership roll. We have been having a 'penny lady' for a number of years and find this a splendid source of income. A penny a week does not seem very much but at the end of the year it amounts to quite a sum.''

The Edwell Auxiliary had as guest speaker, Mrs. Don Quarles of the Sudan Interior Mission, who with her husband and son and daughter is home on furlough from Nigeria.

In order to meet the higher allocation and to further the interest in missions Knox Auxiliary, Red Deer, has set out to double its membership in 1950 and under the inspiring leadership of Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick, is well on its way to achieving its goal.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. JAY WATSON, BOX 1056,
WEYBURN, PRESS SECRETARY

MOOSE Jaw Presbyterial—Mrs. Jas. McGillivray of Weyburn was elected president at the 36th Annual Meeting of Moose Jaw Presbyterial, held in Knox Church, Moose Jaw. Encouraging reports were given by the Departmental Secretaries, and it was especially gratifying to hear from the treasurer that the allocation had been exceeded again this year. Discussions on the various reports were led by Miss Lily Macarthur, and Miss Agnes Hislop and Mrs. Wm. Kelly, Synodical President, joined in those discussions with helpful suggestions, which were much appreciated. It was especially noted that greater interest in the work of the W.M.S. had been shown by the Young Women's Groups during the past year and that both a Senior and a Junior Auxiliary had been formed at Swift Current. The Mission Band Banner was presented to the Courcelette ''Joy Bells'' for outstanding work during the past year. Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary, gave the principal address, basing her remarks on Deut. 31: 12, ''Gather the people together, men and women and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law.''

Prince Albert Presbyterial — The Willing Workers Girls' Auxiliary, Tisdale, entertained all the teen-agers of the congregation. The party took the form of an indoor track meet and proved to be a lot of fun.

The Senior Auxiliary, Tisdale, held

their monthly meeting in the Church, with Mrs. Beatty giving a splendid report of the Presbyterial meeting held in Prince Albert. The Mission Band, their mothers and leaders were guests at this meeting. A letter was read by one of the Auxiliary members from a thirteen-year-old boy in Germany, who had received a sweater from her through the church bales for European children.

Saskatoon Presbyterial—At the first meeting of the year for St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Saskatoon, a presentation was made to Mrs. A. G. Sinclair in recognition of faithful and efficient service. Miss Gladys Dickson, Deaconess for the Presbytery of Saskatoon, was in charge of the devotions. She spoke on the theme of the Presbyterial, ''Our Commission'', and stated that the missionary work of the Church is not only for missionaries giving fulltime service, but for all who are interested in Christian work. She felt that the home field is just as important as the overseas work, and that it is out of Christian homes that the workers of to-day will come. The President, Mrs. Ross Downey, reviewed the highlights of the Presbyterial and stressed several ''musts'' for missionary work. There must be faith. There must be the right literature supplied, and there must be ample equipment for those engaged in evangelical, educational, and medical work. An interesting letter was read from Miss M. Cowan, a former member of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, in which she described the 98th anniversary services of Kildonan Church, near Winnipeg. It was to this church that Rev. John Black, the first Presbyterian Minister in Canada, west of the Great Lakes, had come in 1851.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

Mrs. J. S. Dobbie, 103-5th St. East,
Owen Sound, Press Secretary

BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial—The ''Jessie Clow'' Evening Auxiliary, Owen Sound held its February meeting at the home of Mrs. G. Cruikshank. This auxiliary has purchased four copies of the study book which they hope to study thoroughly through the year. Mrs. Lemon read an excellent paper prepared by Miss Mary Leslie. The theme was taken from St. John, chapter 2: Christ's first recorded visit as the Messiah. Miss Leslie stressed that a corrupt religion makes corrupt worshippers. ''Let us purify the temple, thereby purifying our own lives.''

The Senior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's, Owen Sound, heard an exceptionally interesting and informative address by Miss Annie Gilchrist at its March meeting. She reviewed the history of the auxiliary throughout its twenty-five years. She told of the first meeting held in a little hall and attended by a very small group of devoted women who held high the Calvinistic doctrines. She enunciated eight fundamental points in our Westminster Confession. When she closed her address, no one had any doubt as to why the Presbyterian Church, throughout the trying days of the past twenty-five years has gone forward and held to her glorious aim of winning the world for Christ.

Chatham Presbyterial—At the January meeting of the Amherstburg Auxiliary, Reverend D. St.C. Campbell installed the officers for 1950 and gave a splendid introduction to the study book ''Toward a New Dawn in Japan''. At this meeting, it was announced that a Mission Band was being organized under the leadership of Mrs. Andrew Dobie, formerly of First Church, Chatham, the name to be the ''Anne Campbell Mission Band''.

The afternoon meeting of the World Day of Prayer was held in First Church, Chatham. Mrs. Campbell gave an inspiring address around the theme ''Faith for our Times'' as set forth by the Japanese Christian educationist Michi Kawai.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Windsor, reports that at their February meeting Mrs. Wallace Burns gave an interesting talk on Dr. Caroline Macdonald. Mrs. Burns told of her work as National Y.W.C.A. Secretary in Japan through which position she first became interested in prison reform, an interest which bore much fruit not only in Tokyo but throughout Japan and which led to her being called ''The White Angel of Tokyo''.

Miss Charlotte Farris, deaconess of First Church, Chatham, reported that the C.G.I.T. group was making good progress. She thanked Miss M. Bartlett for the flag presented to this group.

Hamilton Presbyterial—Mrs. J. M. McCurlie, president, presided at the annual birthday meeting of Calvin Auxiliary, Hamilton, held in the schoolroom of the church March 7th. This auxiliary has functioned continuously since March 13th, 1928. A unique feature was the reading of the minutes of the first meeting. Many charter members are still on the roll. Mrs. Elizabeth Barton of the Italian Mission in the city was guest speaker and her message on ''Life's Experiences'' was one to be long remembered by those present.

Huron Presbyterial—The 64th annual meeting of Huron Presbyterial was held in Clinton, Tuesday, January 10th. Nine auxiliaries were represented by their delegates. Mrs. G. Henderson of Goderich, led the opening devotions and Mrs. G. Bisset spoke on the need of faith in our modern missionary enterprise. All reports were most encouraging and the finances well in excess of last year. Miss B. Campbell, Seaforth, reviewed the book *Japan Begins Again.* The guest speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. Harry S. Reid, Toronto, a member of Council Executive. She spoke on the prime requisites for leaders in each department: a love of children for Mission Band leaders; love of people for Home Helpers visitors and so on. The allocation for 1950 was accepted and the watchword for 1950 is to be ''*The Glad Tidings* in every Home''. Mrs. G. Bisset was returned as president. Huron Presbyterial is chartering a bus so that its members may more easily attend the Synodical meeting.

Mrs. G. Bisset, Presidential President, and Mrs. Taylor, Goderich, were present at a banquet held in Seaforth when tentative plans were laid for the reorganizing of a C.G.I.T. group under the guidance of the Seaforth Auxiliary.

The C.G.I.T. group of Goderich Church held a very successful Valentine tea and bazaar. The waitresses were charming in their hand-made white crepe paper aprons trimmed with red hearts.

London Presbyterial—District meetings of the Presbyterial are to be held in six sections the latter part of May. The Finance Committee of the Presbyterial met at the home of Mrs. S. Grosvenor. Each auxiliary had been contacted and voted to accept the increased allocation.

Mrs. R. Waldie presided over her first Presbyterial Executive as president on March 7th in New St. James Church, London. Delegates were appointed to attend the Synodical meeting and plans were discussed for chartering a bus to take members of the Women's Missionary Society from London and St. Thomas to this meeting in Brantford in April.

Maitland Presbyterial — Tentative plans have been made for a Mission Band Rally to be held in Wingham the latter part of April.

South Kinloss Auxiliary had Reverend Gordon Baulch as their special speaker recently. The Home Helpers meeting held in late autumn had Mrs. Baulch as their guest speaker.

Lucknow Evening Auxiliary held a supper before commencing their February meeting. Mrs. Peterson took the topic and Mrs. Maude Sherwood read from the book *The White Angel of Tokyo.*

Sarnia Presbyterial—The Senior Auxiliary of Paterson Memorial Church, Sarnia, honoured the C.G.I.T. members and their workers by a tea. Mrs. R. Oliphant of Parkes' Street United Church, gave a timely address on ''Ambassadors for Christ'' and the girls presented two skits. Mrs. D. Ferguson of the Senior Auxiliary and the C.G.I.T. leader Mrs. B. Clendenning are giving inspiring leadership to this growing group.

The Evening Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Petrolia, at their February meeting presented an Honorary Life Membership to Mrs. R. J. Hay of Sarnia, who organized this group.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

Mrs. C. W. McDonald, 3983 Bloor St.,
R.R. 2, Islington, Press Secretary

GUELPH Presbyterial — The New Century Young Women's Auxiliary of Knox Church, Guelph met recently in the lecture room of the church. A large group of members, former members and friends had gathered to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the organization. Greetings were received from the Presbyterial, from the congregation and from several other auxiliaries. The history of the auxiliary, given by Miss Myrtle Coon, showed that the New Century Mission Band was started by the late Mrs. R. W. Ross in the fall of 1899 and in the early twenties became the New Century Auxiliary. Miss Lyla Sinclair Presbyterial President was the guest speaker. She spoke of the theme: ''Service''. She emphasized the service that can be given by members of a missionary auxiliary, where the joy of service, the sacrifice involved, the loyalty demanded and the faith required, mean so much. Miss Sinclair gave a brief survey of the work of the Christian Church in China, India, and Japan and of the opportunities for Christian service in this country.

Kingston Presbyterial—The Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston held a Family Night which was attended by the senior auxiliary the Catherine Fairlie Auxiliary, the St. Andrew's Evening Auxiliary and the Canadian Girls In Training. Over a hundred members sat down to supper. The decorations were in keeping with the study on Japan and artistic posters were displayed depicting Japanese home and family life. Gaily coloured Chinese and Japanese lanterns and balloons festooned the hall. Rev. Dr. Wedderburn congratulated the ladies on the success of the first Family Night and hoped that it would be a yearly event. The president of the Senior Auxiliary, Mrs. C. A. Smart, expressed pleasure at the realization of a long-hoped-for dream. She explained that the Women's Missionary Society is organized in four steps: the auxiliaries, the Presbyterials, the Synodicals, and finally, the Council. Mrs. Smart then introduced the seven members of the Presbyterial Executive and the Presidents of the local auxiliaries. Lantern slides of Formosa completed a most successful evening.

Toronto West Presbyterial—At a recent meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of Victoria Church, Mrs. G. Ryrie, President, presented a Hymn Book and a Life Membership pin to Mrs. Clifton J. MacKay, Mrs. MacKay is leaving soon for Montreal where her husband has accepted a call.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

MRS. ERIC LARSEN, BOX 88,
SOUTH MOUNTAIN, PRESS SECRETARY

MONTREAL Presbyterial—Reverend J. A. Koffend, minister of St. Andrew's Church, St. Lambert, was the guest speaker at the January meeting of the senior auxiliary of Stanley Church, Westmount. Speaking on ''China — Yesterday, To-day and Tomorrow'', Mr. Koffend told of his personal impressions as gathered from history and from his sojourn in that country, and spoke of hopes for the future in the light of present conditions.

At the March meeting of the Knox Crescent Kensington Auxiliary, Dr. C. Ritchie Bell, minister of MacVicar Memorial Church, gave an address on ''The Miracle of Amsterdam''. He outlined the highlights of the Ecumenical Movement in the last half century. Dr. Bell said, ''Amsterdam was a miracle of science, of fellowship and redemption. The whole Church must face the task of winning the whole world for Jesus Christ. There is no longer room in our world for isolationism—we must make the world safe for humanity.''

Mr. James Hughes, student at Presbyterian College, was the guest speaker at the February meeting of the Campbell Memorial Auxiliary and his address was based on the first Psalm.

Mr. L. D. Hnakinson and Mr. Donald Lister, also students at Presbyterian College, were the guest speakers of the Melville Auxiliary on March 9th.

Miss Margaret MacNaughton, recently returned from Ceylon, where she has spent several years as a Y.W.C.A. worker has been guest speaker at several auxiliary meetings throughout the city of Montreal.

The Beauharnois Auxiliary has reorganized. Although this auxiliary has kept a slate of officers, has met its allocation each year and sent in supply money, no regular meetings have been held for the past few years.

The Canadian Committee on the World Convention on Christian Education met in Toronto on Tuesday. This Convention will be held in Toronto in August. Five thousand people are expected to attend. Local arrangements are being made by the Christian Education Department of the Canadian Council of Churches. Fourteen hundred Sunday Schools, it was reported, from Aklavik to Grand Bank, have already signed the Welcome Book for the Convention. They have contributed seventeen thousand dollars for hospitality and expenses. The amount needed is twenty-five thousand dollars. Delegates from war-impoverished countries will be billetted in Toronto homes.—*World Church News.*

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March 31st, 1950

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Annuity rates received from workers	530.47
Hospitalization rates from workers	15.60
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Fairview Church Sunday School, Vancouver, ''Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home, India''	63.29
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Birtle, Government Grant	$2,681.62
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Interest	106.50

Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Student, payment on loan	25.00
Interest	179.75
Pension Fund—	
Interest	49.50
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What Does An Anniversary Mean?

BY THE REVEREND HENRY RUSSELL HORNE, D.D.

SEVENTY-FIVE years ago our fathers took a great forward step, when, after due consideration and negotiation, all the bodies of Presbyterians, who had started work separately under varying circumstances, came together and formed The Presbyterian Church in Canada, as we know it to-day. This year it is the mind of the Church to remember this great event, and to pay its tribute to the vision, the foresight, the tolerance, the co-operation and the courage which animated these men in taking this step. Naturally the desire of everyone is to make this seventy-fifth anniversary wholly worthy of the occasion, so that we may derive from it the greatest possible results.

The value of any church anniversary depends in large measure upon what we as church members are able to bring into it of spiritual preparation, and what, individually and unitedly, we hope to get out of it. It is important, therefore, that we should endeavour to make sure that our understanding of the Church should be scriptural. If we are not right here, though we may work hard we can neither make our anniversary all it ought to be, nor derive from it the many benefits with which it can greatly enrich our lives. What then do we understand by the church?

Throughout this brief article, when we speak of the Church we mean the New Testament Church, which came into being under the blessing of God, following that wonderful period of revelation in the first century, beginning with the first Christmas, when the Son of God came down to earth in human form to dwell among men, and ending with the resurrection of our Lord, His ascension, and the gift of the Holy Spirit as promised. What an era it was! Was there ever another period of similar length that had so much crowded into it of God's revelation of himself to man, or of man's coming to know the wonders of fellowship and communion with God and all that it meant for him? When the disciples received the Holy Spirit, with a mighty manifestation of Divine power on the day of Pentecost, there the Church was born in this wonderful union of the divine and the human, born from above through the quickening, life giving power of the Holy Spirit, with all its amazing possibilities for man.

Nowhere in Scripture do the sacred writers attempt to define this Church, or to describe it. They do something better. By metaphors and pictures they flash before us visions of it in completed form, so that we can see at a glance what a unique union it is, and all that is involved in it, and what it can mean for mankind. Among the numerous metaphors used in Scripture, I like best that used by the Apostle Paul, as for instance Eph. 1: 23; Col. 1: 18; I Cor. 12: 27, in which he speaks of the Church as the body of Christ. It is a striking figure, vivid and arresting. We would do well to keep it before our minds in prayerful contemplation, until it burns itself into our souls; it is so comprehensive, and can tell us so much. As a preparation for this anniversary, a close study of what this picture reveals of God's constant care, protection, nurture and perfecting of Christ's body, the Church, should put us in the proper frame of mind for this celebration. Some will have personal knowledge and experience of what these seventy-five years have meant, and we can all refresh our memories by the reading of the anniversary committee's book, *Our Heritage and Our Faith,* so that we can begin this celebration with a high note of praise and thanksgiving to God for his gracious benefits to us through these 75 years, calling upon our souls and all that is within us to magnify His holy name. Truly the Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad. Praise and thanksgiving should constitute a large part of this service.

Interesting as is this side of the picture, and profitable as its detailed study would be, space demands that we must refrain, for there is another side of which we must speak. That other side is our obligation in this union in which we are permitted to have so important a part. Let us see what we have done. You remember Christ's great commission. Before He ascended He met His disciples by appointment and spake unto them saying: ''All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.'' Math. 28: 18-20. It is His last commission. He is leaving the earth, His disciples are remaining to carry on His work. Christ knew they were unequal to this task alone, so He said ''I will be with you right to the end''. For this, in due time, the Holy Spirit was sent, and by His help the Church, the body of Christ, is to carry on and complete

His work. How have we been doing it? The Church is Christ's body. What is anyone's body? It is the visible part of him, is it not? The part that others see, through which he comes in contact with others. Christ is not to-day present in the world in visible form. In the days of His flesh He was. Men then saw Him, talked with Him, watched Him as He had compassion on the sick, the poor, the blind, and criticized everything He did. They heard the gracious words that proceeded out of His mouth, and yet they rejected Him and nailed Him to the cross. How is the world to see Christ to-day? Through His body, the Church, the visible part of Him. Think what an honour has been laid upon us, what a responsibility. Well may we cry: "who is sufficient for these things?" None of us in our own strength, but we are not alone. Just before He was taken from His disciples and ascended, as recorded in the first chapter of Acts, He said: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." That is the Church's work; how is it being done? Are we witnessing for Him, correctly presenting Him or misrepresenting Him? So much depends upon the answer. Do you remember that gripping picture the writer of the epistle to the Hebrews gives us in the tenth chapter? There he is contrasting the tremendous advantage of the new dispensation over the old in the matter of sacrifice for sin. After pointing out how in the old dispensation the priest had to stand day after day, repeating the sacrifice as often as necessary, he says: "but this man (Jesus Christ), after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; from henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool," verses 12, 13. Just what does this mean? It means that everything that is needed for the final triumph of the risen Saviour is completed, and operative. It means that there will be no new revelation, no new manifestation of God, but the end is not yet. Why? May it not be because the Church has failed her risen Lord? If the Church is not witnessing fully, revealing Christ correctly, think how we may delay the glorious consummation of His work for which He waits expectantly. Should we not, therefore, as well as bringing praise and thanksgiving to God, bring also humble confession of sin and failure and seek forgiveness?

What then can we get from this anniversary? Much, in every way. We can get hearts filled with gratitude to God for all his goodness and care of his people down through these years; a new sense of our own unworthiness,—and of God's forgiving love; the conviction of the need of a full return to God of all His people, and a fresh start in His service. Long ago God said: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (2 Chron. 7: 14).

Prayer

ALMIGHTY and ever gracious God, our Heavenly Father, with praise and thanksgiving would we come before Thee in worship, conscious of our need of Thee. Thou art the revealer of the heart of God, and no less revealer of the heart of man; in our need we come to Thee that Thou mayest lay bare our hearts before Thee. We thank Thee for all Thou hast wrought in our lives in the past, and for all Thou hast been to us down through the years. May this experience of what Thou hast been to us lead us to yield ourselves gladly and willingly to Thee for the days to come, so that Thou mayest be able to use us more fully in the revelation of Thyself to the world. May we open our hearts to Thee in full surrender, so that Thou mayest be able to use us in reaching those with whom we come in contact day by day. Grant us Thy wisdom, Thy power and Thy love, so that we may always be ready for all life's activities. May Thy presence be our comfort and stay, that we faint not by the way. Rest us when we are weary; strengthen us when we are weak; consecrate all our joys and sorrows, so that in everything we see and touch and handle this day our lives may be enriched, and all whose lives we touch may be strengthened and helped. We ask all in the name of our risen Lord and Saviour. Amen.

What Men Have Said of Prayer

Whoever prays most, helps most.—William Goodell.

Every step in the progress of missions is directly traceable to prayer.—Arthur T. Pierson.

Let us advance upon our knees.—Joseph Hardy Neesima.

Communion without service is a dream; service without communion is ashes.—Robert E. Speer.

I have resolved to pray more and to pray always; to pray in all places, where quietness inviteth, in the house, on the highway, and on the street; and to know no street or passage in this city that may not witness that I have not forgotten God.—Sir Thomas Browne.

Ten minutes spent in Christ's society every day; aye ten minutes, if it be face to face and heart to heart, will make the whole life different.—Henry Drummond.

We must not conceive of prayer as an overcoming of God's reluctance but as laying hold of His willingness.—Archbishop Trench.

On all my expeditions prayer made me stronger, morally and mentally, than any of my non-praying companions. It lifted me hopefully over the one thousand five hundred miles of forest tracks.—Henry M. Stanley.

The Vans Are Sent Forth

Rev. A. McLean, Dr. W. T. McCree and Mrs. Arthur W. Pae at service of dedication of the W.M.S. Missionary Vans.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN
CANADA

IT was a cool April day. The bright sun shone with little warming effect upon the group gathered at Knox College grounds in the city of Toronto. Not for long was the group aware of the chilling winds, for warm interest and keen attention were characteristic of all as the two ''stars'' of the afternoon took the centre of the stage. The ''stars'' were none other than the two shiny, blue panel trucks which had been driven from the garage to the College for a service of dedication. They were dedicated for use in Northern Alberta and Northern Saskatchewan. The purpose in sending such missionary vans is that areas which are not easily accessible by Church workers may, this summer, have the benefit of Church services and religious education through Bible vacation schools and through Sunday School classes.

The service was conducted by Reverend Alexander McLean, B.D., and Reverend W. T. McCree, D.D., Moderator and Clerk of Toronto East Presbytery. Mrs. Arthur W. Pae, President of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., stated that it was a privilege for the Society to provide these and their equipment together with the services of the four young women who will operate them under the direction of the Presbyteries indicated.

Mrs. A. W. Pae and Miss Agnes McLeod discuss the Vans. Miss McLeod will work in Red Deer Presbytery.

Miss Isabel Scott will be in charge of the Van in Saskatchewan.

Miss Agnes Hislop will be in charge of the Alberta Van

Miss Flora Whiteford will work in Saskatchewan.

Reverend J. Alan Munro replied on behalf of the Church saying that in accepting the responsibility of directing the work of the vans, he realized the great advance step which was being taken in using this means of taking the ministry of the Church to remote parts of our land. He expressed the appreciation of the Church to the Women's Missionary Society for providing the vans and the personnel to operate them.

Keen interest was evidenced by the group which assembled for the brief ceremony. Representatives from Toronto East and Toronto West Presbyteries, from Toronto East and Toronto West Presbyterials, from the Church and W.M.S. offices not only heard the vans dedicated to the service of the Church but examined the vehicles noting the equipment with which each is provided. By the time this is being read, the two bright blue ''missionary vans'' will have reached their destinations in the foothills of the Rockies and in the prairies of Saskatchewan. As we follow them throughout the summer we pray with sincerity that they may truly be instruments in the extension of the Kingdom of God.

What asks our Father of His Children, save
Justice and mercy and humility?
A reasonable service of good deeds,
Pure living, tenderness to human needs,
Reverence and trust, and prayer for light to see
The Master's footprints in our daily ways;
No knotted scourge, nor sacrificial knife
But the calm beauty of an ordered life,
Whose very breathing is unworded praise.—Whittier.

EDITORIAL

New Secretaries

The Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) is pleased to announce at this time, the appointment of two new secretaries to assist in the organizational work of the Society. They are: Miss Grace Irvine of Toronto and Miss Elizabeth Moodie of New Westminster. Further information about them and the work to which they will be assigned, will appear in the near future.

—*(Mrs. W. A.) Beatrice S. McLennan,*
Corresponding Secretary.

"Concerning the Collection"

The following are figures which I presented to our Board at a meeting on May 8th. It was felt that you would be interested in knowing what your contributions have been for the first four months of 1950—against our expenditures for the same period. Our objective is $200,000—we are a long way from reaching it.

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—*(Mrs. G. R.) Ruth E. Pye.*

Seventy-Fifth Anniversary

With hearts full of thanksgiving to God our Father we enter into commemorating seventy-five years since the union of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. It is our earnest and sincere prayer that all services may be an inspiration to the thousands of Canadian people who claim the Presbyterian Church as their own, and that such inspiration may carry us all into wider and wider fields of service for Christ and His Kingdom.

Council Meeting 1950

The annual meeting of the Council of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, Ontario, September 25-29.

Advance in National Work!

ADVANCE
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AT the Council meeting in Calgary, plans were made for the expansion and extension of our work. Already some of these plans have been fulfilled.

Mrs. W. J. Leatherdale of Coldwater, Ontario, was appointed early this year as hospital visitor in Montreal.

Because of the growth of the work among the children in our Vancouver Chinese church, another worker has been added to our staff there.

In May, two missionary vans, owned by our Society, were sent into areas in Alberta and Northern Saskatchewan. The Alberta van is in charge of Miss Agnes Hislop, graduate deaconess and Miss Agnes McLeod, student deaconess. Their work will be in the western section of Red Deer Presbytery in the districts near Rocky Mountain House. Miss Isabel Scott, graduate deaconess and Miss Flora Whiteford, student deaconess, will be responsible for the work in Northern Saskatchewan. They expect to be working chiefly near North Battleford and in Prince Albert Presbytery. All of this work will be under the direction of the Presbyteries to which they have been appointed. As the summer progresses, you may picture the vans journeying among the people in these areas. The girls will be carrying on Bible Vacation schools, making surveys where they are necessary and keeping lists of all the families they meet and serve. In this way, we hope that the Society may be of assistance to people living in isolated places where no regular church services are held.

We are grateful for these opportunities to expand our work and pray that we shall be prepared to advance when other opportunities present themselves.

—Mrs. A. B. Cruickshank,
Convener, National Committee.

One Hundred Years After

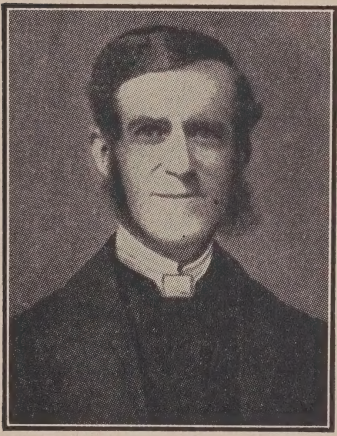
BY MRS. G. E. B. SPENCE

Mrs. Spence is a past President of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Association, New South Wales, Australia. Her home is in Sydney. She is visiting in our country this year. We welcome her as a fellow-worker and as a good friend of our Society.

Mrs. G. E. B. Spence

IN the year 1846 Dr. John Geddie left Nova Scotia for the islands of the New Hebrides. It took him eighteen months to reach his destination. At this present time a high powered bomber can encircle the earth in less than one hundred hours, so much has the world changed. Changes too, have come to the islands of the South Seas, where once darkness and heathenism reigned. The people have seen a great light. The light of the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ. In July 1948 on the island of Tangoa the Presbyterian Church of the New Hebrides was inaugurated and consecrated, just one hundred years after its first missionary, Dr. John Geddie of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, landed on those shores. He was followed by the Gordons who were killed by the savage cannibals. Others suffered the same fate. It has been said the seed of the Gospel was sown in the blood of the martyrs on these islands. Since then missionaries from Scotland, Canada, Australia and New Zealand have been ''workers together with God'' in teaching these people ''God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'' Now in their Centenary year the people of the New Hebrides can count themselves the third generation of Christians.

In 1945 Miss Skinner, a missionary of the Australia Presbyterian Church, arrived in Vila, she found not heathen savages but many Christian women, so set to work to form missionary societies, naming them after the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union of Victoria, Australia. Five of these unions were formed in the Vila district, a president or leader was elected for each. These women owing to their long contact with white people speak English fairly well. Many have been educated at the Mission School on Irieriki, where the young people may train as nurses, teachers, or pastors. The purpose of the P.W.M.U. was to band the women together to do work for the Lord in the village, in the district, in the islands and through them for the whole world. In the village the members help in various ways. They visit the sick, help in the gardens, make mats for sale, and many kinds of work. They meet once a week for worship. In the Vila district the five unions come in turn and teach in the hospital. They also help by sending in turn two women to work in the dormitories. Last year preaching parties of women went to Erromanga where a P.W.M.U. has been started, and to Paama and Malekula.


Dr. John Geddie

To help in the centenary celebrations visits were exchanged between Australia and the New Hebrides. Officials of our Foreign Mission department and some friends travelled to the islands and Miss Skinner, who came home on furlough to Australia, brought with her as guests of the P.W.M.U. of Victoria and the W.M.A. of New South Wales, two native women Salome and Leitamet. They travelled by sea-plane, a great experience for them. They composed a song descriptive of the trip and sang it to us in their own language. They were sisters-in-law, Salome the elder had thick tight curly grey hair, a pale brown complexion. Leitamet's hair was just as curly, but jet black, her complexion was a beautiful shining brown, both had lovely eyes. They were charming and dignified. It was Assembly time in Sydney when they arrived. On the evening of Foreign Mission night they had seats on the platform with the Moderator and other officials. They spoke in English. Salome said "You are our Father and our Mother and we come to see what our Father and Mother are doing. We thank you for sending missionaries to us. We thank God for sending Miss Skinner to teach us."

At the close of Assembly it was my privilege to take these visitors on a week-end railway trip to attend a conference of the Women's Missionary Association in West Maitland 130 miles distant from Sydney. We left early on Saturday morning arriving in time for lunch at the Manse, before attending a Presbyterian conference at which both spoke briefly. Afterward enjoying a cup of tea and chat with the ladies. Sunday morning we set out for the first service of the day at 9.15 a.m. Both ladies read a short portion of Scripture and gave a message to the congregation. The next service was at 11 a.m. At this service

Salome read the first fourteen verses of the fifteenth chapter of St. John's Gospel and delivered a short message.

At 7 a.m. next morning we left on our homeward way breaking our journey at the town of Gosford to address a group meeting of the W.M.A., finally reaching Sydney after dark. A very strenuous programme for the leisurely ladies of the New Hebrides. I admired the fortitude and courage of Salome exceedingly. The day before we left on this trip she received word of the death of her mother in the New Hebrides. One could see she was very grief stricken, yet not once did she give any sign of her great sorrow or refuse any of the demands made upon her. Salome is the Mother of three grown up sons, one a medical dresser, one a wireless operator and one training in the teachers' college.

Present church at Aneityum, New Hebrides. Teacher Waihit, standing.

A family any Mother would be proud of. She is very intelligent and interested in the people of other lands. When we became better acquainted we sat and chatted together. She told me of the French in the New Hebrides and was immensely interested in New Guinea. She asked what kind of people were there, what language they spoke, were they savages, or cannibals, what colour was their skin? Did they wear clothes, were they Christians and many other questions. She was deeply interested in the people of these islands. While to Salome came a great grief while away from her own country, to Leitamet came a great joy, the birth of her first grandchild. With beaming face she told her news to all. When she returned to the New Hebrides she sent me a picture of herself holding her little granddaughter, a lovely little brown baby. Mother love is the same the world over. Leitamet too, had news to impart as we chatted around the fire. She told of her family at home, the youngest a little girl of eight years, who was being cared for by friends and relatives during her Mother's absence. She spoke of the work in the gardens, where for six months they grow much of their food, then rest for six months in the hottest season of the year. She was one of a party who went on a visit to the island of Malekula where no missionary has been stationed for some time. A little company of native Christians went up to see what assistance they could give the islanders. On Malekula there are still heathen savages living in the bush among the hills. They are called the big Wambas. One old chief hearing of the arrival of the visitors came down to get stick medicine (injection) to cure the nasty skin disease known as yaws, so prevalent among the bush natives. ''And do you know'' said Leitamet in horrified tones, ''he had eight wives, five he left back in the bush, two a little further down, finally appearing in the village with one only,'' and with a shudder, she continued, ''he wore no clothes!'' This was the climax of the story, as she paused I asked ''were you afraid?'' ''Oh yes'', she replied, ''I was very frightened.''

At the beginning of August last year the Presbyterian Church of the New Hebrides held its first Assembly. It was attended by 19 native pastors, 12 missionaries and 21 native elders. After the usual devotional exercises at 8.30 a.m. the Assembly began its business by greeting the women of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union. The report was presented by Miss Skinner, the happy pioneer of this movement. About one hundred native women attended, most of whom paddled themselves across to Vila from the mainland and adjoining islands. Salome went to the platform and sat beside the Moderator, taking charge of the proceedings. Emma read a psalm and welcomed the gathering by saying, ''In Jesus Christ I am very glad to meet you to-day.'' Rachel prayed, and the hymn sung was, ''Let us praise and adore Him for all he has done.'' Their report said, ''we are not yet strong in overseas mission work. This year we sent £15 to India, and £15 to Australia for the Watt-Leggat launch. The collection on the World Day of Prayer was sent to the British and Foreign Bible Society. To give us strength for our task we held a five-day conference for Bible Study and prayer.'' One of the oldest pastors got up and told that when the P.W.M.U. was begun, some of the elders asked ''What do these women''? But he quoted from the Acts of the Apostles, I will pour out my spirit on my hand-maidens—I will show wonders. Surely wonders have been shown these last one hundred years because the Geddies and Gordons and others who followed saw in the cannibal savages brothers for whom Christ died and counted not their own lives dear unto them, that they might teach even these the Gospel of His salvation.

Since coming to Canada I have had a letter from Leitamet in which she again expresses her thanks and those of her father, pastor Sappi, to her friends in Australia for their goodness to her. She concludes, ''And now we are so far apart. What can I do, but ring up heaven for you.'' To ring up heaven for you, what a loving message. I like to think of the women of those distant islands praying for us and who can tell what blessing comes into our lives through the simple prayers of our sisters in this newest Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union of the Church of the New Hebrides. Will you join in prayer with the women of Australia for the women of the New Hebrides? We are all children of the same Father, ''Workers together'' to bring the world to Christ. Christ for the world we sing, Christ to the world we bring, with fervent prayer.

Instructions for Distribution of 1949 Annual Report

THE annual reports for the year 1949 will reach you shortly. The copies *for the branches* are as usual being sent to the Presbyterial Corresponding Secretaries, and should be distributed *promptly.* A copy of the Annual Report is mailed *directly to each Synodical and Presbyterial officer* whose name is listed in the printed Report, as well as to new officers that were reported too late for printing.

Copies are sent for the following:

— Two to each Auxiliary (afternoon or evening) and two to each Young Women's group;
— One to each Affiliated or Associate Society;
— One to the Girls' group (or groups) in a congregation;
— One to each Mission Band and Explorer Group.

The reading and study of the report, however, should not be limited or confined to these. The Annual Report is a record of the year's work and a general use of them will *pay rich dividends.* It is well for each group to face up squarely to the record of its achievement and compare it with others in the same category, so as to profit by its own failures and the successes of others.

It is therefore urged that the recipients do not keep the Report to themselves but, after careful perusal lend it to others. When it is returned it should be kept for reference.

If any officer does not receive her copy, she should notify the Editor, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. West, Toronto 1.

—*(Mrs. J. G.) Alice Inkster.*

Carrying On In Japan

BY MRS. W. E. PAUL RUMBALL

Mrs. W. E. Paul Rumball

WE have recently had several interesting and helpful experiences. During March we made our first trip to Tokyo to visit the Christians in that area. We went by car and the little Austin station wagon stood up to its reputation, taking us there safely and with a minimum of gasoline, a fact which is always appreciated. The distance one way is about 385 miles and we took two days to do it. Of course some parts of the so called highway are not too smooth and there are high hills or mountain passes to pass over so one does not travel quickly. We stayed at a Japanese inn overnight and enjoyed that, though it was not so comfortable or warm as our own home. The scenery was beautiful and almost beyond description, especially some of the views we had of the famous Mt. Fuji.

From Friday morning when we got in touch with the pastor until Monday evening when we left from Yokohama we had hardly a minute to call our own. I think we were able to see most of the districts where the Korean Church has been holding meetings. There is not a church in the whole area and Tokyo needs one as well as several small places for worship services in the outlying areas. Kawasaki has a very promising group and a fine opportunity as there seemed to be a large number of Koreans in the district. In Yokohama a few Christians are meeting regularly in a private house. Seeing this group made us rather sad for Yokohama once had a flourishing church, but most of the old Christians have returned to Korea. During the week-end we had five meetings besides worship in a home and also the usual welcome meeting put on by the Tokyo Church for new missionaries, or rather I should say almost every church has such a meeting. I interpreted for Paul five times. I sometimes think it is amazing that the people get anything out of it when I stop to think of the poor Korean I have used. However, the people are most patient and appreciative. If the number of times we ate lovely Korean meals is any sign of the warmth of the welcome it was indeed warm.

In Tokyo we met Sim Sunsaing (teacher) a Biblewoman who was working with us for some years before the war and stayed at her post all through the war. She is now the only one of our former workers still here. I think it must be over fifteen years since she first came to the work here. We chatted fast and furiously to catch up on the news of all our mutual friends. She is a good worker and I am sure must have been through many sufferings all these years. It does cheer one's heart to see the steadfast and unwavering faith of such as this worker. We are hoping that the W.M.S. will again take up the responsibility of supporting women workers and have a share in the fine work Sim Sunsaing is doing.

We have just had a wonderful time at Easter. First two days of fellowship with friends of the South China Boat Mission who have recently come to Japan. Among these are five Canadians. Then a fine Easter day at Osaka Church where seven adults were received into the Church by baptism, and four infants were baptized. Two of the latter were children of old friends of former years. This was followed by a communion service. Paul was able to get the necessary Korean sentences ready for these ordinances and the evangelist in charge of the church who is also an elder read the Scriptures and led in the prayers. As usual I had to act as interpreter for the sermon. Perhaps the happiest person at the service outside of those baptized was the missionary's daughter. On Saturday when we went to the church for the examination of the candidates we were met by the wife of one of the elders who gave me a lovely Korean dress for Janet requesting that she wear it to church the next morning. For once Janet was anxious to go ahead of time. The top part is a beautiful light green of brocaded satin and the skirt is a deep rose also brocaded but made of a soft silk. She was a proud and happy little girl.

A week previous to the Easter service we went visiting for an afternoon with some of the elders and deacons of the church and Evangelist Chung. We tramped along muddy lanes all afternoon and in a drizzling rain but the warmth of the fellowship we enjoyed in seven homes and the little prayer meeting place more than made up for the coolness of the weather. At every home we had worship, a hymn, Scripture reading and a few words from the evangelist and then prayer. There was no time spent in talking about anything except the Word and the goodness of the Lord. All of the homes were of the very poor in this world's goods but rich in the things which really matter. Our group of visitors seemed to grow larger all the time until at the last house there were about twenty including the members of the household and finally at the little place where services are held on Wednesdays and Sunday evenings, there were nearly thirty to enjoy the little service. We trust that as time goes on we may have many such days. There are thousands of Koreans in this land who have not heard the message but we feel that at the present the most beneficial thing we can do is to help to encourage the Christians and we believe that they in turn will seek to win other Koreans to the Lord.

Notes from Synodical News

Saskatchewan

The Cameron Mission Band, Melfort, Sask., celebrated the Japanese doll's festival. The girls brought their dolls in Japanese costumes, some representing men and some women. The boys acted as judges of the costumes. The girls then cut out paper dolls and dressed them, singing as they worked. While the girls were doing this the boys marched into the kitchen where they popped corn till a preserving kettle had been filled—all the time chanting to the tune of the ancient round ''Are you sleeping'' these words:

''Popping corn, popping corn,
Oh what fun! Oh, what fun!
Soon we will be eating it,
Soon we will be eating it,
When it's done, when it's done.''

Then all the children helped to eat the pop-corn. The children are now anxiously awaiting the boy's festival.

Montreal and Ottawa

Taken from Report of the Financial Statement from Montreal and Ottawa Synodical Society 1949.

Our slogan for 1949 was ''Contributions monthly and proportionately, one-half of allocation by June meeting.''

Peterborough and Prince Edward Island Girls Receive Deaconess Diplomas

MISS ANN M. BAIN of Peterborough, Ontario and Miss Margaret MacDougall, Belle River, Prince Edward Island were the members of the 1950 graduating class of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School, Toronto. Many friends of the graduates and of the undergraduates gathered at Knox College and later at the Training School on April 27 to share in the graduation service and to enjoy a happy hour of fellowship.

The service was under the direction of the Chairman of the Training School Board Reverend J. Wasson, D.D. The service of worship was conducted by Reverend W. T. McCree, M.A., D.D. He was assisted in this service by the choir of Victoria Presbyterian Church, Toronto, under the direction of Mr. Austin Douglas.

Reverend Drummond Oswald, Secretary of the Training School Board directed the presentation of certificates and diplomas. Miss Frieda Matthews presented the Leadership Training Certificates to Miss Ann Bain, Peterborough, Miss Margaret MacDougall, Belle River, P.E.I., Miss Valda Ford, Hamilton, Bermuda, Miss Betty Grant, Galt, Ont., Miss Jean Holmes, Kensington, P.E.I., Miss Margaret G. Kerr, Guelph, Ont., Miss Jessie V. McDonald, Winnipeg, Man., Miss Agnes McLeod, Kenora, Ont., Miss Lenke Pongor, Toronto, Ont., Miss Annabelle T. Stewart, Cochrane, Ont., Miss Hazel Turnbull, Hartney, Man., Miss Flora Whiteford, Edmonton, Alta. The Deaconess Alumnæ prize for Bible Reading was presented by the Alumnæ president, Miss Lily Macarthur to Miss Margaret MacDougall, P.E.I. Mrs. G. D. Ralston, B.A., Principal of the Training School introduced the girls who are now in attendance at the School and in an informal way told of their aims and ambitions in the work they have chosen to do. She also introduced the Chairman of the Board of Administration of our Church, Mr. James Dutton, and to him was given the honour of presenting the graduation diplomas. Proficiency awards were presented by Reverend Edgar Foreman, B.A., D.D. They were given as follows: Proficiency scholarships: Third year: Miss Margaret MacDougall; Second year: Miss Annabelle T. Stewart; First year: Miss Grace Baron; Proficiency prizes: Third year: Miss Ann Bain; First year: Miss Betty Grant.

Reverend Professor D. V. Wade, Ph.D., gave the graduation address in which he drew the attention of his hearers to the task that we Christian people of the twentieth century are trying to do. He stated that the three most common charges laid against Christianity were that it was irrelevant, inconceivable and that it no longer called for costly heroic devotion. The people of Jesus' time thought to make Him irrelevant and they nailed Him to a Cross. But there He proved that He was the most relevant fact of life. Following Him was Paul who made Him relevant to life in his time. The early disciples found the power of the Holy Spirit quite a conceivable thing. They did not wrap themselves in ideas about that power. They attempted to use it to accomplish a purpose. That purpose was not to make people put a little greater spurt on to achieve a little higher culture, but to make them realize the strength of the Power which Jesus showed them. We who labour now must remember that we have a Gospel that is creative and that is restorative. Our job is not to be a cheer leader and just keep people happy, or should we be good fellows to create admiration for ourselves. We should be so submissive to the Power of the Spirit that its redemptive force may work its way into our lives. It will if we let it. Christian individuals if they accept the knowledge of the coming and the power of God, can be centres of dynamic life and love. Too often we are tempted to say; "What am I getting out of Christian service?" But if we are serving the living God, and are counting on striking a bargain, we are in for a rough ride. If we fully acknowledge this thing which has come to us, we will realize that Christ's coming means that we cannot stand still. He shows us that His power means that when we work, then are we strong. In the midst of all our serving let us remember that it is He who serves; in our speaking that it is He who speaks; in our sacrifice, it is He who makes the sacrifice.

The Graduates

Miss Ann M. Bain

Ann M. Bain received her Public and High School education in Peterborough, Ontario. While attending St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in that city Miss Bain became interested in preparing for full-time Christian service. She showed her interest in the local church by taking an active part in young people's groups, the Sunday School and choir. Miss Bain entered the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School in the Fall of 1947. She is now under appointment by the Board of Missions to do deaconess work in the city of Winnipeg under the direction of the Presbytery of Winnipeg.

Miss Margaret M. MacDougall

Margaret M. MacDougall was born in Belle River, Prince Edward Island, where she received her Public School education. After attending Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown, where she took her Normal School training, she taught Public School in rural areas and in the city of Charlottetown. Miss MacDougall has always been actively interested in the work of the Church. She has been president of the Maritime P.Y.P.S. Conference and Organizations' Secretary for the Prince Edward Island W.M.S. Presbyterial. For several years Miss MacDougall has assisted in camps in the Maritimes as leader, business manager and director. In the fall of 1948 Miss MacDougall entered the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School. During her entire Course she took a very high standing winning Proficiency Scholarships and in her final year, the Alumnæ Scholarship. Miss MacDougall is under appointment by the Woman's Missionary Society (E.D.). After a summer spent as director of Camp Geddie she will begin her work as deaconess at New Glasgow, N.S.

To Auxiliary members on the use of pamphlets

Pamphlets have recently been sent to all Auxiliaries. They are designed to focus our attention on the new demands of our whole mission work.

First—to keep the doors open in Canada and to open new ones.

Second—to not only *maintain* our present overseas work, but to *expand* it. This is a three-year objective.

How shall we use these pamphlets?

Suggestions:

(1) *Study* each one. (See *The Glad Tidings* for information).
(2) Have them presented and talked of at your meeting.
(3) See that each member gets one.
(4) Be sure each Home Helper gets one.
(5) Talk about them to your friends.
(6) Distribute them to others who are not members.
(7) Put your copy where you will see it often.

If you wish more copies, and we hope you will, write to the Literature Department, Room 800, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1.

Lighting Lamps of Service at Vellore

BY MISS ISABEL McCONNELL, REG.N.

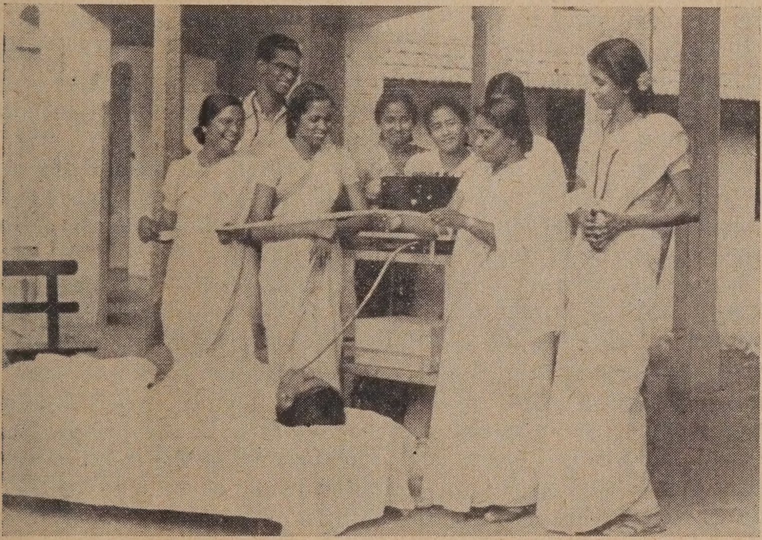
The influence of Vellore Hospital in India has been very great and is becoming increasingly so. We have a part in its work through our annual grant for its upkeep, and at present through the services of Miss McConnell.

Miss Isabel McConnell, Reg.N.

THE Lamp Lighting Ceremony of the classes of 1949 took place during the first weeks of my stay in Vellore. To a person seeing it for the first time it was a most impressive and stimulating Ceremony. Why a Lamp Lighting Ceremony? some may ask. Engraved on the badge of The Trained Nurses Association of India is a map of India, in the centre of which is a lamp similar to the traditional Florence Nightingale lamp. This lamp symbolizes the light of modern nursing brought to India and kept burning by many devoted nurses in the past. The lamp is very similar to the one carried by Florence Nightingale in her nightly rounds to the crowded wards in Scutari. Dr. Ida Scudder presented a silver lamp to the School some years ago.

There were two classes entered in 1949. Thirty-nine girls to take the Certificate Course, and fifteen for the B.Sc. Course, a course established by the University of Madras, leading to a University degree, B.Sc. in Nursing. Each year since 1946 when this course was established, students have been admitted.

The Lamp Lighting Ceremony was conducted in the Chapel, a very nice Chapel for the use of the Hospital Staff, Nurses and patients. After the invited guests had taken their seats, the Dean of the School of Nursing and the Nursing Superintendent led the procession of nurses into the Chapel. The Procession consisted of the Staff of the School of Nursing, Nursing Staff, Departmental Sisters, Ward Sisters, Staff Nurses, students, the new class wearing the full uniform of the school for the first time, came in at the end of the Procession. The Processional Hymn was "Father of Lights". When all had taken their seats there was the Call to Worship led by Reverend H. V. Shepherd, Secretary and Treasurer of the Vellore Christian Council, "For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness has shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the Glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.'' After prayer the nurses, all kneeling, repeated or rather sang the Nurses' Prayer. Sister Annamma Jacob, Nursing Superintendent, spoke on ''Our Lamp of Nursing'', explaining the significance of the Ceremony. On the table were five large lamps with wicks laid on the saucer-shaped oil container at the top. There were about five wicks on each lamp. These lamps represented the Sisters and Staff of the School. These symbolized the lighting of the first lamp of Nursing in Vellore 40 years ago. Dr. Hilda Lazaras, Director and Principal of the College, lit the silver lamp in memory of all the doctors and nurses who had helped keep the lamp of nursing burning. After the lighting of the first lamp, Miss Taylor, Dean of the School of Nursing, and Miss Jacob, Nursing Superintendent, lit the wicks, and the different members of the staff and School of Nursing came forward each to light a wick until all the wicks were burning brightly. The Staff then repeated in unison, ''In memory of the devoted nurses who have served this land we have lit these the lamps of our School.'' Before giving the lamps to the new class it was my privilege to address the Class. This was followed by the Nurses receiving their little lamps and lighting them from the larger



Dr. Vytilingham demonstrates the electrocardiograph at Vellore Hospital.

lamps on the table. As these 54 nurses came forward each to light her lamp, a circle was formed around the chapel waiting in readiness to again take their places, carrying their lighted lamps with them. As a class they said, ''So must we receive in order to give. To fail to give is to be unworthy to receive; but to forget to receive is to have little to give.'' All stood to sing the ''Alma Mater'' and for the Benediction. As the Recessional Hymn, ''O Holy Spirit'' was sung the staff and students left the Chapel, except the new Class and as they formed the letters ''V.H.'' it was a very lovely picture. They stood for a minute before joining the Procession, and then all went right across the compound to the School of Nursing singing.

In the lighting of the lamps was the symbol of the light of knowledge being handed on by those who had gone before and also demonstrated the act of dedicating the present Staff to the teaching of others and educating others in the art of Nursing.

Truly they have been lighted to lighten—to dispel the dark corners of ignorance and disease—to ease the burdens of weary suffering souls of this great land of India till it shall shine with the light of the knowledge of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

And so in this very impressive Ceremony these 54 young nurses were sent forth to pursue their studies and to become the ''nurses of to-morrow''. To have these girls bearing their lighted lamps in the different dark corners of India will be a source of great help and comfort to those who will need to feel the touch of human kindness. As one watched these nurses and participated in the programme, a greater desire was created to help others see what the entrance of the light of the Gospel meant to benighted souls, those who still sit in darkness without hope and without Christ.

Nurses' Prayer

Give me a body strong to serve,
A mind alert to learn
Give me a heart that understands
A soul where visions burn.

For every one by day or night
Guide me to do my best
And grant me skill and courage too
In meeting every test.

Give to my smile and voice Thy grace
Of warm serenity
To sooth my patients' fears and help
Them trust in me and Thee.

Oh give me words to comfort, Lord
Like candles, in the night
Teach me the need of little things
To heal and bring delight.

Help me to love and work without
One selfish thought for me,
So shall I be a minister
Of healing, Lord with Thee.

NOKOMS!

BY JANET A. CARRUTHERS

Miss Carruthers until recently was our nurse at Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School.

JIMMY was wee, very wee, sharp features and snapping eyes gave a bird-like appearance to his face. His mother had died when he was two, so he was brought to school by his grandmother. He called her Nokoms, (the Ojibway word for grandmother). How well Nokoms had cared for him was evidenced by the completeness of his clothing and the devotion in her tear-filled eyes.

It was plain that she was committing him to our care with misgiving and plainer still, that if anything happened to Jimmy we would have Nokoms to reckon with and the reckoning might not be easy.

First day in school Jimmy fell down a flight of stairs and banged his knees, next day he ate all the wax crayons in his classroom but after these preliminary initiations he settled happily into school life for he was a manly little fellow with the qualities of a good pupil.

Six weeks later, Jimmy took pneumonia. My first thought was of Nokoms fifty miles away. It was our duty to let her know. But by that strange woodland telepathy or is it moccasin telegraph, Nokoms learned. She arrived next day.

She went straight to the ward where Jimmy lay, looking long and sorrowfully at his wan face then lifted a pair of eyes to me that said accusingly from their dark depths, ''What have you done to my Jimmy?''.

I wanted to tell her that she was welcome to remain with us through Jimmy's illness. That was superfluous. Already she was seated on a chair very close to his bed.

Cheered by the thought that she would sleep nights in the dormitory we spent the first hours trying to cajole her into friendlier mood. But when night came no persuasion would coax her to bed either in or out of the hospital. She moved from chair to floor and curled up in a quilt at the foot of Jimmy's bed. She looked a pathetic figure but comfort to Nokoms was negligible.

Her sleep was light. She was up before the sun.

It wasn't long before I realized that Nokoms had taken upon herself a double watch. There was an animal alertness in her eyes. They followed every move, every turn of the covers I made on Jimmy's bed. Her ideas of treating pneumonia were at variance with mine. These were the days when inhalations, mustard plasters, wide open window and a sixty-degree room were the nurse's standby. Before twenty-four hours passed, the window must have been closed a hundred times and an uncanny hostility was settling on Nokoms' face.

In a couple of days Jimmy was fighting for his life. Already some of our youngsters were beating tin-cans and pails beneath the hospital windows, a practice to which they resorted to scare the evil spirits away, when they sensed death was stalking us.

Then, Nokoms decided to take Jimmy home. Her begging, coaxing, protesting was heart-rending. We stood firm. Jimmy musn't be taken from his bed. But no law, human or otherwise can retain a patient. Jimmy was Nokoms' boy.

Finally hopeful that Jimmy's long lapses into unconsciousness would give us cover we yielded enough to say, ''Jimmy can decide''. It was a gamble against tremendous odds.

Now, in Jimmy's lucid moments lay danger. For then Nokoms holding him close would plead, with a forlorn hope in her tear-wet face. But an Unseen Hand must have been restraining, Jimmy's attention turned from Nokoms and his gentle nod and smile came reassuringly to our side of the bed.

A day, a night, another day passed, his temperature climbed to it's peak. His swift breathing, laboured grunt and Nokoms' sobs were about the only sounds breaking the silence of the watching hours. I was sorry for Nokoms. Bewilderment was written on her face. But above the confusion of my own weariness, rose the fear that she might yet take Jimmy away.

Then with the suddenness of pneumonia's crisis Jimmy's temperature fell. It was the quiet of the night and I was thankful that his physical battle had turned. Nokoms sensed it. Withdrawing from his side she lay down on the floor.

I laid my head on his bed to rest. It must have been an hour after I felt the blankets being eased back. Two tiny feet pushed warily toward the floor, I rose to steady the shaking body that made slowly to the foot of the bed and lay down beside Nokoms. A long moment she held him, then struggling to her feet, lifted him and laid him back in his bed and crept in beside him.

Parcels for Canadian Church Relief Abroad

We would like to draw to your attention that parcels for Canadian Church Relief Abroad are being sent to the offices of the Women's Missionary Society. All such parcels should be directed to The Clothing Depot, 250 Ossington Ave., Toronto. Please do not send any parcels to this office.

Message from the Presidents of the World Council of Churches

WE live in a world in which the original confidence of the Church that Christ is the true Lord of all is constantly challenged. Dare we maintain that Christ is Lord of this world of ours with its crying injustices, its suffering masses, its power politics, its unceasing conflicts and its attempts at self-destruction? It is the Holy Spirit Who enables us to believe that Jesus is Lord, and to hold this confidence firm and unshaken to the very end. In the power of the Spirit we believe and we must proclaim that Christ has borne and overcome all this sin and all this suffering, and that He *Reigns.* Armed with that victorious certainty, the Churches stand to combat the tides of hopelessness, defeatism and indifference which threaten to undermine the life of the nations. For since Christ is King, we are sent out to bear fearless witness to Him and to serve the brethren in self-forgetting acts of charity and of justice, and in devoting ourselves to the healing of the nations.

We also need to hold fast to this promise for our Churches. We need to be reminded of the original confidence of the Church that the Holy Spirit which created a people of one heart and one mind would maintain and, if need be, restore their unity. The word which we spoke together at Amsterdam that our Churches intend to stay together may easily fade away as we turn to our daily concerns and as we confront the difficulties of living and acting together as one fellowship. Let us then believe in the power of the Holy Spirit. He draws us together. He says to us on Whitsunday that He can overcome all the barriers that still exist between us. If we live in humble dependence on Him, we are enabled to pray and work for the unity of God's children in order that the world may believe in the Son.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

THIS is a good time of year to take a look back and a look ahead. During the past months many auxiliaries have been thinking at their meetings of Japan. How many members during those meetings made the resolution to read more about Japan and the work of the Church in that land? How many have kept the resolution? The summer months offer the opportunity to include the reading of some of these books among your summer reading. Do not overlook such as—JAPAN BEGINS AGAIN by Kerr, THE SEVEN STARS by Toru Matsumoto, SONGS

FROM THE LAND OF DAWN by Kagawa and other Japanese poets (lovers of poetry will appreciate this) and the small biography of Miss Michi Kawai, A TORCH IN JAPAN. If you have finished the study on Japan these will sum it up for you, if you have still part of the study ahead you will return to your group better prepared to contribute something of interest to the meetings.

If you have read all these books, there is a study year ahead, that of 1950-51, in which we hope to think of the work of our Church and Society both in Canada and Overseas in connection with our Advance programme for both spheres of work. As a background for this study a good book to read is the one prepared for the seventy-fifth anniversary of our Church OUR HERITAGE AND OUR FAITH by Dr. John McNab and Dr. F. Scott Mackenzie. A knowledge of the heritage and faith that is ours will help us more intelligently to view where we are to-day and where we hope to go. Other helpful information for the study year ahead can be found in Public Libraries in books on the peoples of Canada which our Church serves. Do not forget to watch the daily papers and current magazines for news items about the lands overseas in which we work—India, China, Japan, British Guiana. Such items clipped out and put in a Scrap-Book will be a source of help next fall and winter for your meetings. The Scout motto ''Be Prepared'' is a good one for Auxiliary members too.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

A SURVEY of the year's work of any organization, large or small, brings to light many interesting projects, methods and results. Such is indeed the case as one reads the ''doings'' of Evening Department Auxiliaries throughout the seven Synodicals as presented to your Secretary in recent reports. We would like to share with you a few of the facts gleaned therefrom.

At the end of the past year there were 158 groups in the Evening Department, four of which were new organizations. Transfers from the Young Women's Department are still the order of the day, for although only four transferred during 1949 twenty more have signified their intention of transferring as of January, 1950. These transfers have now left room for the organization of Auxiliaries in the Young Women's Department.

As we enter 1950 to begin the first year of our three-year Advance at home and overseas, it is with satisfaction that we note an increase of 141 members in the Department, exclusive of transfers. This means a net increase of 141 to the membership of the Society—the surest method of increasing revenue. This increase was achieved, we feel sure, through the earnest, persistent effort of members to interest others in their Auxiliaries in which they themselves must have had pride of membership. All methods point to personal contact—personal invitations, sometimes oft repeated, calls at the home, personal escort for a few meetings, not just for one meeting, and then special friendliness to the newcomers.

The use of the weekly envelopes of the duplex type is on the increase. It has been proven to be the best method, not only of reaching, but of far surpassing all former objectives. We are convinced that this is the reason for the increased givings in this Department. One group, newly organized in 1948, sent in $100 from ten members in 1949. This is a splendid average and working toward the $13.00 per member per year average which the Department has set itself. A few groups have reached it—have you? Have you ever worked out the average for your own Auxiliary? It may surprise you, or better still, it may shock you. In the times in which we live, how much would it buy?

Your Secretary would like to offer a suggestion to the Auxiliaries who are in earnest about the work of the Society as it endeavours to meet present commitments and advance at home and abroad. At your next meeting study and discuss the items on the Advance leaflets which you have received. Open a discussion on ways and means of shouldering greater responsibility—a frank discussion on finances. Have each member decide how much she personally can set aside *each week,* be it large or small. Pass out slips of paper and have each member record—anonymously—the amount she has decided upon. Collect the papers and have the treasurer add up the amounts recorded and multiply the total by fifty-two. You will be pleasantly surprised. Set that amount as your objective. If you will do this the clinics on wheels will roll across the Bhil field in India, and you will be proud to have had an adequate share in the vans already equipped to roll into two districts in Western Canada. Write me your results!

—*E. Luzetta McClelland.*

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

"Vacations"

HOLIDAYS and plans for holidays are very much in the foreground just now. The June meeting will close up the activities of your Auxiliary until fall. The allocations for material supplies should all be in and ready to be forwarded to your Presbyterial Supply Secretary. All contributions both for the Supply and the General Fund that you have on hand should also be sent to the Presbyterial Treasurer. It is really very important to send in all the money you have in order that the Treasurer, Mrs. Pye, may have a complete statement for the first six months of the year.

We do hope that when you are planning for your holidays that you will consider spending a week or even a week-end at one of the many camps that we are conducting this year. There is just nothing like camp life for fun, fellowship and renewed enthusiasm. And no doubt you are planning to catch up on some reading that you have been intending to do all winter. The book list on the back of the *Glad Tidings* will give you some splendid suggestions.

And wherever you are, plan to attend church each Sunday. Regular church attendance is itself a form of witness.

May each one of you spend a happy and restful vacation and return in the fall ready to carry on with renewed strength and enthusiasm.

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

OUR girls often tell us that they want to hear about the work our own missionaries are doing and so this month, we are going to share with our readers, extracts from a letter received from British Guiana, telling what two girls can do to help the boys and girls with whom they have gone to live. Janet and Heather are the daughters of our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Andrews.

"Did you ever think that teen-age girls could be good missionaries? They can. Missionary means: one sent out. The important thing in being a missionary is to send the heart out. Janet and Heather find that because they are raised in the Christian life, in a

Christian land that they have knowledge and skills which they can share with their friends in British Guiana.''

''In our Canadian mission, we minister mostly to East Indians. The English Methodist Church ministers to the Negroes. Both Negroes and East Indians came from their homes in Africa and India about eighty years ago to work in sugar cane and rice fields. At first they all lived on the large estates in long rows of houses. Men and women and children worked the fields for the estate owners. There were no schools provided at first, so now the schools are under the control of the churches. Our Church has 47 elementary schools, 2 high schools and a training school for ministers. We also have a very fine craft school where hand crafts and cooking are taught.''

''We have three wonderful Sunday schools within three miles of our home. One is at our church and the others are on estates but conducted by teachers of our day schools. Our school teachers are Christians and have been in our schools all their lives. They are very loyal to the Mission which has given them so much. They can preach on very short notice and do much to help the general work of the Mission. Heather and Janet go to Sunday School with about twelve little neighbours, some brown East Indians, some black little Africans. They are all British—all British Guianese.''

''One Saturday evening at six, we went shopping and bought material for dresses for two little East Indian girls. Heather ran the sewing machine and Janet did some hemming. As a result of our work you should have seen the happy girls' eyes shine as they dressed for Sunday School in their brand new clothes.''

''One of our neighbours is Charlie. He is a dear little boy of four with bright sparkling eyes. Charlie is very anxious to learn to swim, so Heather is teaching him the crawl which she learned at good old Glen Mohr. Gloria is another neighbour. One day her mother gave us a great treat—a basket full of little wiggling gray shrimps, all freshly caught. Shrimps are little shell fish with a shell a little thicker than a grasshopper shell. They were as lively as could be and they popped out if we looked under the lid. Hyacinth, our little Negro maid, poured boiling water on them and peeled off the skins. We ate them with rice and curry.''

''Have you a lot of left-over Sunday School papers and picture cards, or story books that you are no longer using? If you could send a box, Gloria and Charlie will be thrilled. Do not send old *Glad Tidings* or *World Friends* or any missionary magazines. Heather tells her little brown and black friends the stories from the papers or she reads from them. Harold is our house boy. He is 14. He pumps our bath water, shops and does odd jobs like cleaning shoes and feeding our hens. He is taking piano lessons from Heather and as they have no pianos, they practice on ours. Harold can now play with two hands. Harold also plays a flute tin whistle. Harold, Heather and Cecile accompanied the hymns at the church service on Sunday night.''

''Everyone writing to us from Canada wants to know what Christmas is like here. It is just like any other day. Only in Christian lands do they know the full joy of Christmas. The people here are poor and even though the shops decorate a little and make it look like Christmas, it is a pretty dull affair. Our Young People's group had a tree and an exchange of gifts but, otherwise, there was no gift giving. The young people too, went carol singing—a seven mile walk.''

''Each week, at the manse, the girls help with the Children's Club, Flute Band, Women's Club (they look after the babies), Young People's Society, Junior Choir and Senior Choir. These are some of the things missionaries' daughters do, day after day in Suddie, British Guiana.''

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, *Secretary*

The Bible from Biscuits

''LAND'' shouted the lookout from far up among the sails. Everyone on the deck rushed to catch a glimpse of the islands ahead. John Geddie was the most eager of all. He was so happy because he was a missionary and at last he was going to see the dark-skinned, dark-eyed fierce looking people with whom he was going to live. Nova Scotia in far away Canada was his home and for many weeks the sturdy oaken vessel on whose deck he stood had been ploughing through the blue waters of the Pacific. Long ago he had given his life to God. As the green island came closer and he could see palm trees and the white sand beach, he thanked God for sending him there to teach these savage people about Jesus and his love. He asked God to take care of him and to keep him from being afraid, because these dark-skinned people could be very cruel.

As John stood on the wide sand beach among the chattering natives watching the ship sail away he couldn't understand a word. ''I'll have to learn their language'' he said, ''that is the first thing. I want to learn it so well that they won't think of me as a stranger and they will listen when I talk to them about Jesus.'' So he listened to the sounds they made until he learned quite a few words and what they meant. But he didn't think he was learning fast enough. He wanted the brown men to say certain words over and over again so slowly that he could find out exactly where he should put his tongue and how he should hold his lips to make each sound correctly. The islanders didn't want to say words over and over again very slowly. They thought it all very silly.

One day he was eating a hard tough biscuit from a large can left with him by the ship's captain. A native came by and John gave him one. Gleefully the native nibbled around the edges delighted with the taste. Never had he eaten anything like this.

"I'll trade you" said John and trade they did; John getting back words spoken as slowly as he wished. Many were now eager to exchange words for biscuits. Slowly he put the sounds into writing because the brown people had no written language.

It was not long before John was able to talk to the people about God. He began to tell them the story of Jesus. The story he told them was from the book of Mark. As he worked out the words he wrote them down. He went on to write the whole New Testament in their language. The islanders had come to know John well by this time and had learned to love and trust him. Patiently he taught them and in time many of them became Christians.

How much John Geddie wanted to have the New Testament printed so that every native could have one of his own! But he didn't have enough money. He called the chief men of the island together and told them his trouble. They wanted New Testaments too. They didn't have any money either. Then they made a plan. The people of the island grew arrowroot to sell to the ships that called. They decided to set aside some of their arrowroot and give the money to print New Testaments. One wonderful day many months later the big bundles of Testaments came. There was one for every family and some left over. Very few of the people could read. "We'll have everyone learn" said John. So a contest was held. Prizes were offered and more than 2,000 began to read their New Testaments every day. The rest of the people were listening to the reading and to the teaching. John Geddie was a very busy man teaching the people about Jesus and also writing down the Old Testament in their language.

Twenty-four years went by since John Geddie first heard the lookout shout "land" and then God took him to be with Him.

"He has left us for the heavenly home" said the sorrowing islanders. They put up a tablet in the biggest church on the island. On it were these words:

> "When he landed in 1848 there were no Christians here
> And when he left in 1872 there were no heathen."

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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THE 36th annual meeting of the British Columbia Synodical was held in Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver, with Mrs. Robert Pollock presiding. Departmental reports told of encouraging efforts and increased enthusiasm. Rev. F. G. St. Denis, Rev. E. L. Garvin, Rev. F. Conkey of Victoria, and Rev. J. Sutherland gave inspiring addresses pertaining to the missionary effort and elaborating on the theme, ''Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.'' The Synodical meeting profited greatly by the informative word picture given by Miss M. Quickfall, working at present at Newton, B.C., whose address told of work in Saskatchewan. She explained the problems and joys experienced as deaconess in a scattered area, making her audience conscious of the great part the rural church plays in our work. Greetings were brought by Rev. H. G. Funston of Chilliwack, Moderator of Synod; Mr. A. McIntyre, president of P.Y.P.A.; and greetings were read from Mrs. A. W. Pae, President of Council; Rev. J. W. L. McLean, convener of the Synod's missions committee; and Miss F. Matthews, executive secretary for national missions. Contributing to the worship services by song were the Explorers and C.G.I.T. of Mount Pleasant Church, the choir, Mrs. M. Clifford, a duet by Mrs. F. G. St. Denis and Miss Gertrude Rollo, recently returned from India. Members of Westminster Presbyterial were tea hostesses at an afternoon session when delegates from all over the province had a chance to become acquainted. It was with interest and gratitude that reports were heard from our regional secretary, Miss Grace Mackay; our Chinese work in Victoria, Miss G. Scott; in Vancouver, Miss Ruth Yeandle; and our Children's Centre, Miss C. Watson. Mrs. J. M. Pollock was elected secretary for the Evening Department—a newly opened department in this Synodical. Miss S. D. White, historian, gave an excellent report of work and personalities of the Auxiliaries from the early days to the present time. Greetings were brought from the Sister Societies of the Baptist, United and Anglican Churches. Mrs. R. Pollock was re-elected president. The installation service was conducted by Rev. F. G. St. Denis.

Westminster Presbyterial — St. Andrew's-St. Stephen's Senior Auxiliary, New Westminster, had two guest speakers during the first quarter. Rev. P. C. McCrae addressed a meeting on Church Finances and Miss Lily Simpson, missionary on furlough, told of her work in India and showed beautiful Indian costumes. St. Andrew's-St. Stephen's Senior Auxiliary regrets to record the passing of a valued member, Mrs. A. E. Hill. Missionary-minded from childhood, she kept an active interest all her life. From 1937 to 1943, Mrs. Hill was president of St. Andrew's Auxiliary. During the years she also held the secretaryship, at different times, of *Glad Tidings*, Home Helper, Library, Literature, and Welcome and Welfare. Her faith and devotion will be greatly missed.

On the day preceding the Easter holidays the nursery school children entertained their mothers, younger children and one father at the Children's Centre, Vancouver. The programme was varied, the theme being ''Spring'', the time of awakening of the flowers. The oldest group of children presented a play, ''The Broken Sandal Cord''—a Japanese story—and they dressed in the Women's Missionary Society Japanese costumes.

The Evening Auxiliary of Central Church, Vancouver, welcomed Mrs. R. Pollock, Synodical President, as guest speaker at a well attended Easter Thank-offering meeting. ''Are we builders of the faith?'' was her theme in a challenging address. ''As we review the history of our Church for the past 75 years, we realize that our forefathers built well, but are we going to be satisfied to sit back and rest upon their efforts? We cannot hope to keep this glorious heritage unless we, in our day, seek to advance. We must be enthusiastic in our building both in our work at home and abroad, and above all else we must seek to interest and encourage our young people to become 'builders of the faith' with us.''

At the Easter Thank-offering of Mount Pleasant Auxiliary the minister, Rev. F. G. St. Denis led the devotional period. Rev. E. L. Garvin of Robertson Church was guest speaker, stressing the importance of the responsibility of the individual that the gospel message be made known at home and abroad. Mr. and Mrs. A. Brendon contributed a duet.

The Westminster Presbyterial Children's Rally under the leadership of Mrs. I. LeHuquet was held on Easter Monday in St. Paul's Church. There were 133 children and 31 adults present. An interesting programme was given by individual Mission Bands and Explorer groups, some singing choruses, the Explorer hymn, one group giving a physical education display. Mrs. J. Blott, Synodical Secretary, presented the Mission Band banner to the Chinese Band for attendance, memory, and scrapbook of Japan. The Explorer banner was presented to the girls in Prince Rupert for attendance, memory work and picture map of Japan. The children were much interested in a description of work in India read by Mrs. I. LeHuquet. The judges were pleased with the high quality of work done by all contestants.

Buchanan Auxiliary reported a good meeting in April. Plans were made and discussed in connection with work to be carried on during the year.

ALBERTA

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THE 36th annual meeting of the Alberta Synodical was held in First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, with the President, Mrs. George Metcalfe, presiding. There were many interesting and helpful suggestions discussed. We were made conscious of the need for every member to make prayer a part of our daily living. If we use this power, God will supply the strength to carry out all responsibilities. We realized anew the need for us to be informed of the work being done by our missionaries and of the strength they can realize through our prayers for them and for their work. Highlights of the work now being carried on by our Society were made known: the travelling clinics being planned for India; the work now under way in National missions. Youth programmes were discussed and the need for leaders who have a knowledge of the work being done by missionary movements was stressed. Guest speakers for the meeting were Rev. MacBeath Miller of First Church, Edmonton, and Rev. Mr. Wilson of Lloydminster.

Calgary Presbyterial—A tea was held in the newly completed Chalmers Presbyterian Church hall. The ladies of the church were able to entertain ladies of other Presbyterian churches in Calgary in their new church hall.

Edmonton Presbyterial — The small but active auxiliary in St. Andrew's Church, Edmonton, held an evening meeting when the guests were the Home Helpers and the lady members of the congregation. Mrs. Ingram gave an interesting talk on the study book. After the study a social hour was enjoyed. The auxiliary members found this meeting a splendid way of acquainting non-members of the Society, with the work which is being done.

At a recent meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Edmonton, Mrs. A. H. Rogers gave an interesting talk on the difficulties our missionaries encountered in the early days and the outlook for missions to-day. She also mentioned the tribute which secular papers had been paying to the work which missionaries are doing. The members were challenged to continue their prayers for the success of the work being done in the name of the Master.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Mary McRitchie, in Stratford, Ontario. Mrs. McRitchie was the widow of Mr. John McRitchie. They resided in Edmonton from 1918 to 1935 and were very faithful members of Strathcona Church. Mrs. McRitchie is remembered for her keen interest in missionary work.

Macleod Presbyterial — St. John's Auxiliary, Medicine Hat, held a very interesting meeting recently. Their programme was based on the book *Towards a New Dawn in Japan.* Mrs. D. L. Whittaker, who spent three years in Japan as a nurse with the American Army during the war gave an informal talk on some of the customs of the Japanese. She showed a wonderful display of Japanese articles.

Red Deer Presbyterial—At a recent meeting of the Edwell Auxiliary, a Home Helpers department was organized. It was also decided to have a table at the church on which there will be displayed, copies of Christian papers and books. It was hoped that a small lending library might grow from this display.

The regular meeting of the Carstairs Auxiliary was held in the manse. The new study book on Japan was started. A report of the World Day of Prayer service was given. The service was a co-operative one and it was felt that it was the most successful of such services which had been held in several years.

SASKATCHEWAN

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THE highlight of the 26th annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Synodical held in First Church, Regina, was the stirring address given by Rev. Wallace MacKinnon of Moose Jaw during the open session on the evening of the first day. He spoke of the proud history of the Presbyterian Church in Canada during the past seventy-five years and he exhorted people of the Presbyterian faith to stand firm in the faith of their fathers and not to deviate in the face of public opinion. The members of the Women's Missionary Society were urged to spend their lives in ''giving in God's service'' and particularly to use their influence in seeing that the youth were encouraged to stay with the Presbyterian Church and give their services to its advancement.

The theme for the meetings was: One Life—To Learn, To Love, To Labour, To Live, and representatives from the four Presbyterials led in devotionals based on that theme.

The reports given by departmental secretaries were very encouraging, showing increases in membership and givings. The allocation had been over-subscribed. Most of those reporting stressed the great need for leaders.

Moose Jaw Presbyterial—Speaking at the Easter Thank-offering meeting of the Auxiliary of Knox Church, Weyburn, Miss Hilda Blackwell, port receptionist at Montreal and Quebec, told of the ways in which people of all nationalities are welcomed on behalf of the Church on their arrival in Canada. ''Newcomers need friendship most when they are strangers'', said Miss Blackwell as she told of the practical ways in which she has been able to extend the hand of friendship to the many who needed help in finding their luggage, in passing through customs and in straightening out money problems, as well as in finding the proper trains and buses to take them to their homes in Canada. The letters of welcome in English, Dutch, Hungarian, Ukrainian, Latvian and Estonian which are given to newcomers to Canada are much appreciated and the letters received from displaced persons of different nationalities testify to the value of this service.

The Senior Auxiliary and the Friendship Circle of Knox Church, Moose Jaw, held a joint Easter Thank-offering meeting. Miss Lily Simpson, missionary on furlough, was the speaker. Her display of Indian costumes, jewellery and curios attracted much interest. A pleasant feature of the meeting was the presentation to Mrs. W. Fraser, in recognition of her faithful service throughout the years. Ladies from St. Paul's, Moose Jaw, were guests at this meeting.

Prince Albert Presbyterial — The Cameron Mission Band, Melfort, celebrated the Japanese doll's festival. The girls brought their dolls in Japanese costumes, some representing men and some women. The boys acted as judges of the costumes.

Saskatoon Presbyterial—St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Rosetown, reports a successful thank-offering meeting when senior and junior groups met together to hear an address by Rev. A. W. Currie. Mrs. Lawson, President of the Junior Groups, conducted the meeting which was opened with devotions in keeping with the Easter season. A portion of the devotional booklet *Every Day* was read also. Easter music was a feature of the meeting.

Miss Gladys Dickson, deaconess of Saskatoon Presbytery, addressed the spring thank-offering meeting of Parkview Auxiliary, Saskatoon, and spoke on ''Thanksgiving'', emphasizing the benefits enjoyed by Christians through the love of God revealed in Christ. Mrs. R. J. Nixon had charge of the worship service and spoke on ''The Challenge of Missions''.

MANITOBA

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GRATIFICATION that for the first time in its history the annual meeting of Manitoba Synodical was held in Fort William was voiced at the opening sessions of the 36th annual meeting.

Upwards of 30 delegates arrived in the morning, mostly from the western points, and following committee meetings in the morning and afternoon the official opening took place at a banquet in the Sunday School room of St. Andrew's Church at which the Evening Guild were hostesses. Mrs. C. LeCocq presided for the occasion and Mrs. W. S. Nairn of St. Andrew's Auxiliary welcomed the delegates. She also expressed appreciation of the fact that the meeting was honoured by the presence of Mrs. A. W. Pae, president of the W.M.S. (W.D.), Rev. J. A. Munro, Associate Secretary of the General Board of Missions, and Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary. Mrs. J. McLeod of Brandon responded on behalf of the visitors. Rev. A. H. Johnston, minister of St. Andrew's Church, brought greetings from the Presbytery of Superior, a Presbytery which he pointed out was ''far flung and presented many opportunities for church workers''. But it was the hope of the Church that in the near future ''some of these opportunities will be grasped.''

Miss J. B. Redmond read greetings from Manitoba Presbytery and Mr. J. A. Cranston, brought greetings from First Church, Port Arthur. Mrs. Pae brought greetings from the Board of Missions and the Council Executive, and in greeting the gathering, reminded the W.M.S. members of the great opportunity and responsibility in working with the Board of Missions. Rev. J. A. Munro also spoke briefly and in stressing the need for continuous expansion of the work of the Church referred to the present shortage of ministers. Next year 35 young men will be available for appointment. This is ''very hopeful'' he declared in reviewing the steady expansion of the Presbyterian Church in the West.

Rev. A. H. Johnston conducted the opening exercises at the evening meeting. Rev. J. A. Munro, the special speaker, gave an interesting and helpful address on ''The Young Church in Asia''. Much valuable first hand information was gathered from this very fine talk. The soloist was Miss Joyce Holt.

Mrs. C. LeCocq, President, conducted all meetings on the second day. Recalling to her audience that Christ had commissioned His disciples to be both fishermen and shepherds, Mrs. LeCocq reminded the members that the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church placed emphasis on the commission to undertake the work of ''shepherding''. ''We are not all called to be preachers or teachers but we can help others, for this task requires the wholehearted co-operation of a large group of workers''. ''Our Lord calls for a new venture of faith.'' In many parts of the world to-day there is an insistent challenge to take up afresh the work of evangelism and to regard this as the primary work of the Church.

Mrs. A. W. Pae, conducted the devotional period at the morning session. In her remarks she asked us to remember we were working with God and be obedient to Him. Have fellowship with Him and talk things over with God. God waits for us so we should not be in too much of a hurry. This session was highlighted by reports of the Presbyterial Presidents who gave summaries of the work of the three Presbyterials.

Miss Ruby Walker took the devotions at the afternoon session, basing her talk on the Easter theme. A discussion on reports was led by Mrs. G. W. Bradley who stressed the importance of developing and expanding work for younger members of the congregation. Mrs. A. W. Pae addressed the meeting on ''Advance in our National and Overseas Work''. She gave an excellent account of what had been done and what was still to be done in this work. Following an early evening conference led by Mrs. Pae and Miss Ruby Walker, the delegates attended the Lenten service conducted by Rev. A. H. Johnston.

The Thursday morning devotions were by Rev. E. S. Hales of First Church, Fort William. Mrs. F. A. Gemmel led in a beautiful service of remembrance. Rev. A. H. Johnston conducted the installation of officers. Mrs. C. LeCocq was returned as President. Mrs. A. W. Pae conducted a thorough discussion on the reports in which she stressed the value of knowledge of work of the Women's Missionary Society.

On invitation the next meeting of the Synodical will be held in Brandon. Following a closing thought by Mrs. J. A. Gray and prayer by Mrs. G. P. Stirrett the session concluded. A dinner by the women of First Church, Port Arthur brought a successful Synodical meeting to a close.

Superior Presbyterial — Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary spoke at a well attended meeting of Pearl Gray group, First Church, Fort William, describing her visit through the West and to the British Columbia coast. She also spoke of the work in the Chinese Centre in Vancouver, and of our work among the displaced persons and Hungarians. Of particular interest to the girls was her description of visits to the Indian Reserves. She told the girls if they could not go themselves to help, they could by prayers and gifts help those who were doing the actual work.

Miss Walker also visited Mission Bands, and C.G.I.T. groups in Port Arthur and Fort William.

Winnipeg Presbyterial — The Auxiliary of Old Kildonan Church held a meeting at the home of one of the Home Helpers. Highlights of the Winnipeg Presbyterial were given by Mrs. Hector Macdonald and Miss Mary Henderson. Mrs. J. A. Davidson gave a brief outline of the visit to Sunset Lodge where the members of Old Kildonan shared the World Day of Prayer programme and service for the benefit of the 60 shut-ins who could not attend a church service. Major Parsons gave a very fine address, ''Lord teach us how to pray''. Mrs. W. Somerville was soloist. Hospital visitation was discussed. On reading the March issue of the *Glad Tidings* the members were encouraged to read Mrs. S. Gillespie's message.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial—The Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Owen Sound, displayed posters throughout the business section of the city inviting the general public to hear Rev. Allan Reoch, guest speaker at their Easter Thank-offering meeting. Rev. Ross Adams introduced Mr. Reoch who gave a most interesting talk on life and conditions, past and present, in Manchuria, where he has worked for some sixteen years.

Hamilton Presbyterial — At Port Dover on April 13th the Morning Star Mission Band celebrated its 60th anniversary. This Band is the oldest in the Presbyterial. The children took a large part in the service, rendering two anthems, reading the Scripture and leading in prayer. Mrs. James Brock who has been associated with the Band for 25 years gave a brief history of its activities, and was presented with a nosegay of carnations from the Mission Band. Mrs. W. Holden, the first President, spoke and felicitations were brought by many old members and friends.

St. David's, one of the oldest congregations in the Presbyterial, celebrated the 60th anniversary of its Women's Missionary Society on April 11, when representatives from surrounding Auxiliaries and sister churches joined in sharing this outstanding event. Mrs. R. G. Stewart, wife of a former minister, presented corsages to Mrs. James Woodruff, Mrs. Tulloch and Miss Mary Butter in appreciation of their long and loyal service. A resume of the past sixty years was most interesting. The guest speaker, Mrs. A. R. McMurrich of Council Executive, took as her theme, ''The Lord hath done great things for us''. After the benediction, pronounced by Reverend Mr. Hughes, a social hour was enjoyed. The three-tiered birthday cake had a most unique ornament—a silver Burning Bush, each twig containing a tiny candle lighted by Miss McQuesten.

At St. Enoch's, Hamilton, Easter Thank-offering, the speaker was Miss Helen Nick, a Y.W.C.A. worker from Kunming. Miss Nick told of life in an educated but heathen family in which, because of her Mission School education, she is the only Christian.

St. Columba Auxiliary, Hamilton, had Mrs. Zieman as guest speaker at their Easter Thank-offering. Mrs. Zieman suggested that as Christians we are neglecting an opportunity of teaching our children the great truths of Christmas and Easter by the commercializing of these two great Christian festivals.

Huron Presbyterial—An item of interest from the Arthur Circle, Knox Church, Goderich, is that this energetic Auxiliary sponsors the nursery in the church, which is equipped with all manner of toys and cribs for the tiny babies.

At the Easter Thank-offering of Caven Auxiliary, Exeter, the Busy Bees Mission Band were guests and took part in the programme. Mrs. George Lamont, Mitchell, gave an inspiring address on Easter. ''Let us be grateful'', she said, ''for the privilege of helping to maintain our Women's Missionary Society motto, The World For Christ.''

London Presbyterial—In addressing the Wilkie Evening Auxiliary, St. George's Church, London, at their Easter meeting, Mrs. P. DeRuiter prefaced her address with a word picture of a family of new Canadians who arrived destitute of clothing and household necessities and with no place to live. Having the common bond of the same native land, Reverend and Mrs. DeRuiter opened their hearts, and their already overcrowded home, until temporary quarters could be obtained. After this touching story Mrs. DeRuiter found a particularly receptive audience for her inspiring words on the ''Challenge of the Cross''.

Hamilton Road Auxiliary, London, was hostess to the city Auxiliaries, thus enabling them to hear the pre Good Friday message on ''The Empty Grave'', given by Mrs. J. K. West of St. Thomas and her group of ladies.

Chalmers Auxiliary, London, invited other Auxiliaries of the city to their Easter meeting so that they might hear Mrs. J. A. Elliott's message on the Resurrection. Mrs. Elliott also addressed meetings at Alma Auxiliary, St. Thomas, and Knox Auxiliary, Belmont.

Sarnia Presbyterial — Miss Lolita Kelley, deaconess at St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, recently addressed a number of Auxiliaries and group meetings, bringing to her audiences the true message of Easter and her own conviction of the need for faithful witnessing. The prayers and good wishes of Sarnia Presbyterial go with her to her new field of labour in the Soudan Interior Mission, Africa.

The Pioneer Auxiliary, Wyoming, entertained the members of Plympton United Church Auxiliary at their Easter

Thank-offering. Mrs. Bird of Warwick addressed the meeting taking her text from 1st Corinthians 16: 57.

The play sponsored by the Greta Adams Evening Auxiliary was well received and the players complimented on their apt presentation of the various characters.

Stratford Presbyterial — The spring executive of the Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, Stratford. Mrs. J. Erskine of Monkton presided at the all-day session. The devotional period, centred around the Easter theme, was conducted by members of the Shakespeare and Stratford Auxiliaries. An invitation was accepted to hold the conference in Mitchell Presbyterian Church on June 6th, the programme to be convened by presidents of the southern section of the Presbyterial. Sectional meetings will be held in the eastern section of the Presbyterial.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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THE annual meeting of the Synodical Society was held in St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, on April 25, 26 and 27, with the president, Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson, presiding at all sessions. The theme of the meeting was ''Our Commission''. A splendid conference for the delegates on Tuesday afternoon was led by Miss Frieda Matthews, Executive Secretary, National Missions. Many good suggestions were made at this conference with a view to increasing interest in auxiliary meetings. One was to use the handbook for officers, and the constitution, that newcomers may have a better understanding of our Society. It was also agreed that the best way to meet allocations is by systematic voluntary givings, and that money should be remitted regularly to the Presbyterial Treasurer, monthly if possible, but at least quarterly. A very warm welcome was extended to the delegates on behalf of St. Andrew's Church, by the Minister Reverend J. Goforth Hornsby, on behalf of the city by Mayor Allen, and by Mrs. D. L. Fleming, President of Kingston Presbyterial. Greetings were also brought from Council by Mrs. W. A. McLennan, and letters were read from the Moderator of Synod, Reverend E. J. Kerr and from the Synodical Society of Hamilton and London.

The speaker for Tuesday evening was Reverend Allan Reoch, B.A., of China. Mrs. W. A. McLennan introduced Mr. Reoch telling of his work in Manchuria where he joined Dr. Jonathan Goforth in 1926. During the war Mr. Reoch went overseas and became Chaplain of the Black Watch regiment. He returned to China on loan to the Canadian Aid to China and later was loaned to serve with the Church World Service of the United States. At present Mr. Reoch is on furlough. Mr. Reoch told of his work in Manchuria and China and illustrated his talk with many interesting coloured slides. In Manchuria the Presbyterian Church had established fifty-five mission stations when they were forced to evacuate in 1941. Of these forty-four are still carrying on. One slide of particular interest showed a postage stamp issued in Manchuria to celebrate international Labour Day. In the centre was a global map with a flag, carrying the hammer and sickle, flying above the map to show the communist aim of world domination. In larger centres the Church is still carrying on under communism, but in the smaller places it has gone underground. Mr. Reoch believes that when the Church is strong communism cannot make headway. There are many devoted Christians in the East who are eager to learn about Christ and receive His message.

On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. A. E. Toombs, formerly of India, in a stirring address urged that we send the Gospel to India *now.* She likened India to a tame tiger which does not know its own strength, but is slowly awakening, and pleaded for our constant prayers for our missionaries.

Reverend J. Allan Munro, B.A., M.C., Associate Secretary, of the Board of Missions, told of some of the Advance which is being made by the Church. In the Maritimes the Church is working with a great scarcity of ministers yet there is progress in every department, while in Central Canada the Church is on the march, opening churches in spite of the lack of ministers. The non-Anglo-Saxon churches are more prosperous than ever, several have become self-supporting. In the west the Church will bring services and Bible Classes to outlying areas around Red Deer, Alberta, and Prince Albert and North Battleford, Saskatchewan, by two new panel trucks donated by the Women's Missionary Society. Two deaconesses will accompany each van. The Board of Missions is giving a van to serve the Alaska Highway north of the Peace River.

Miss Frieda Matthews mentioned other advances at home: the appointment of Mrs. Leatherdale of Coldwater, as hospital visitor in Montreal and of an addition to the staff in the school in Vancouver. Miss Matthews said that at present we need two qualified teachers, an engineer, a night watchman, a boys' supervisor, a manual training teacher and two kitchen matrons for our Indian Schools.

The morning sessions were given over to reports and discussion. We regret to report a decrease in the total membership. It was felt that the decrease in Mission Bands and Girls' Groups was due largely to lack of leaders and in the Young Women's and Senior Department to an insufficient number of new members to replace former members. Despite the decrease in membership, financially the year has been highly satisfactory. Departmental secretaries reported an encouraging year, subscriptions to *The Glad Tidings* have increased, more literature has been sold, the study book being used generally by all groups. Many magazines and other reading materials have been sent to hospitals and construction camps, while the sick and shut-in members have been visited and newcomers welcomed. The report of the Supply Department showed the generosity of the members in gifts of time, money and energy. In addition to the money for institutional supplies more than 4½ tons of goods were shipped to the West. Christmas gifts were supplied for the girls at St. Margaret's Girls' Centre, and for each of the 70 Presbyterian adult patients in the sanitarium at Weston, Ont. Supplies were also given to all our deaconesses and to the Canadian Church Relief Abroad.

Mrs. H. Keefer, Girls' Organizations Secretary on Council Executive, conducted the election and installation of officers. Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson was re-elected President and in her closing message, "Turning the hour-glass" stressed the need for action. "We must stop drifting and humble ourselves before the judgment of the Gospel. The world is reaching out for a better way of life, so let us give our wills to our conscience and then we will find the path to God."

Toronto West Presbyterial — High Park Auxiliary, Toronto, held a special Easter Thank-offering service at the regular Sunday evening service of worship. The president, Mrs. R. Manning, gave a brief account of the work of the Women's Missionary Society. The minister, Reverend Robert Manning, gave a brief address followed by the showing of the missionary film ''Thy Will be Done''.

The Weston Senior Auxiliary held a joint meeting with the Owaissa Young Women's Auxiliary in March. The meeting took the form of a pot-luck supper after which the young women conducted a programme. The president, Mrs. Travis, gave a short talk on ''How we, as Christians, can combat communism.''

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

Mrs. Eric Larsen, Box 88,
South Mountain, Press Secretary

THE cordial welcome extended by the Auxiliary of First Church, Brockville, was a great contribution towards the success of the fourth annual meeting of the Synodical. The spirit of good will prevailed from the moment the first handclasps and greetings were exchanged. Mrs. Harcourt Emra, President, presided at all sessions. Mrs. J. W. Dougherty read the Scripture lesson and led in prayer at the Board meeting which preceded the evening banquet which the ladies of First Church so graciously provided. After the bountiful repast, Mrs. Harcourt Emra extended words of appreciation, the Rev. Henry Cousens brought greetings from the Kirk Session and the Rev. J. Alan Munro brought greetings from the Board of Missions.

Tuesday evening was one to be remembered. Dr. D. N. MacMillan, Moderator of the Montreal-Ottawa Synod, conducted the service of worship and brought greetings from Synod. Miss Mary Whale spoke on *The Glad Tidings* as a part of our missionary work. The organist and choir of First Church provided special music which was much appreciated. Rev. Mr. Munro spoke on overseas work with conviction and emphasis. In a touching way he told of the triumphs and trials which often accompany missionary work.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. G. R. Pye spoke on the financial problems as treasurer. Much was learned of the financial policy of our Society. It was good news to learn of the two new motor vans, equipped with comforts and literature and staffed with deaconesses and students, which will be starting out on mission work in northern Saskatchewan and Alberta this summer.

On Wednesday evening, Mrs. A. W. Pae, President of Council, gave a stirring address on ''Opportunity''. A new vision of the need, as well as joy in the Advance programme, to which our Society has committed itself, should be a result. Rev. Henry Cousens conducted the installation of officers.

The business was concluded on Thursday morning. An invitation for the next annual was extended from Smiths Falls which was gladly accepted. The resolution was read by Mrs. Philip Boy and Mrs. Owen Rede Campbell, Honorary President, offered the final prayer.

Montreal Presbyterial—Very interesting meetings are being held this year at the senior Auxiliary of Melville Church, Westmount, with individual members responsible for arranging the meetings. In January, Rev. R. J. Berlis gave an interesting and inspiring account of his visit last summer to the Island of Iona and of the aim and the work done there. In February, Mrs. Elizabeth Spence of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, told of mission work done in her home country. Two students of Presbyterian College told of their work on Western Mission Fields at the March meeting.

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April 29th, 1950

RECEIPTS:

Rent for Worker	$ 20.00
Allowance on Exchange	37.84
A Friend, "Children's Magazine in India"	100.00
Birtle, Government Grant	2,526.18
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	1,709.40
Life Membership Pins	19.10
Amount Received for Pensions	80.00
Hospitalization rates from Worker	1.30
Synodical Societies:	
Alberta	400.00
Saskatchewan	400.00
Saskatchewan, Supplies	38.80
Manitoba	353.83
Manitoba, Supplies	20.50
Hamilton and London	4,900.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	49.50
Toronto and Kingston	2,975,00
Montreal and Ottawa	3,295.00
	$16,926.45

DISBURSEMENTS:

Indian Schools:	
Birtle	$ 179.16
Birtle, Government Grant	3,568.44
Cecilia Jeffrey	166.65
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	4,800.06
Chinese in Canada	1,079.06
Deaconesses	1,053.71
St. Margaret's Centre	298.45
Children's Centres	400.08
Port Work	134.86
Organization	746.18
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Deputation	75.61
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Formosa	678.90
British Guiana	160.00
Missionaries' Personal Account	215.00
Missionaries on Furlough	375.00
Overseas Advance, New Nurse, Formosa	325.00
Travelling Expenses of Missionary	50.00
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Christian Literature	160.00
National Advance	118.33
Insurance and Taxes	84.85
	$18,823.89

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RECEIPTS:

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Interest	$ 2.00
Legacy Fund—	
Payment on Windermere property	25.00
Special Fund—	
Payment on launch at Kenora	100.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Payment on loan from student	25.00
Interest	12.50
	$ 164.50

DISBURSEMENTS:

Pension Fund—	
Government Annuities, Workers' rates	$ 690.47
Society's rates	684.19
Legacy Fund—	
Purchase of two vans for work in West	3,471.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Student at Deaconess Training School	32.50
	$4,878.16

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New Organizations

British Columbia

Victoria Presbyterial—Explorer Group, Chinese Church, Victoria. Leader, Miss Gertrude Scott, 1008 Carberry Gardens.

Westminster Presbyterial—Mission Band, Mission City. Leader, Miss G. Gustavson.

Explorer Group, Mission City. Leader, Mrs. J. M. Pollock.

Alberta

Calgary Presbyterial—Explorer Group, Chalmers Church, Calgary. Leader, Miss Margaret Boyd, 1026A-18th Ave. N. W.

Hamilton and London

Chatham Presbyterial—Anne Campbell Mission Band, Amherstburg. Leader, Mrs. Andrew Dobie.

London Presbyterial—Explorer Group, Knox Church, Belmont. Leader, Mrs. Neil McMillan.

Paris Presbyterial—C.G.I.T., Central Church, Brantford. Leader, Mrs. G. Corman, 14 Bedford St.

Stratford Presbyterial—Mission Band, Mitchell. Leader, Mrs. G. Lamont.

Toronto and Kingston

Toronto East Presbyterial—Senior Auxiliary, Fallingbrook Church, Toronto. Pres., Mrs. E. Mitchell; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. D. Douglas, 182 Scarborough Crescent, Toronto 13.

Mission Band, St. Andrew and St. Paul Church, Montreal, reported last month now has a new leader, Mrs. Henry Wright, 416 Prince Arthur St.

Corrections for Saskatchewan New Organizations of last month.

We regret that several mistakes were made in reporting new organizations in Saskatchewan last month. The correct groups are:

Moose Jaw Presbyterial—C.G.I.T., Weyburn. Leaders, Miss Agnes Smith and Miss Margaret Stoba.

Prince Albert Presbyterial—Mission Band, Carragana. Leader, Mrs. H. Collins. (Reported in February issue.)

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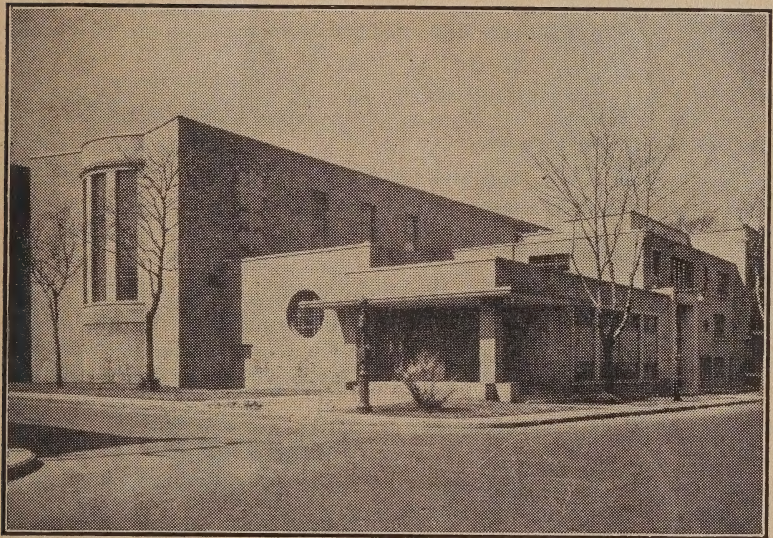

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Rev. C. Ritchie Bell, D.D.

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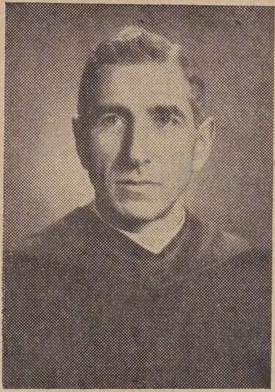
"We have assembled here to put some searching questions to ourselves." Principal, the Reverend Robert Lennox, Ph.D. of Presbyterian College, Montreal, thus opened the congress discussions and proceeded to direct our thinking on our Church and its faith. Step by step we were



Rev. Robert Lennox, Ph.D.

told how the meaning of the word Christian Church grew out of Jewish faith and practice and the teachings of the disciples and apostles of the New Testament following Christ's life on earth. "God has created the Church for Himself. It is not made of material stuff. It is made of living stones. Christ Himself is the chief corner stone."

The Church and its Work

How proud we were to hear from men and women, who are working in Canada and overseas, tell of the Christian work that is being sponsored by men and women of our Church all over our country. The work of The Presbyterian Church in immigration, on the frontiers, among Chinese, Hungarians, Italians, Ukrainians, French and Indians, was described by men and women whose lives have been dedicated to give leadership to these various people, guiding them to a true Christian faith. A glance at the names of those who presented this work will indicate to you all how well prepared each one is for his or her task: Mrs. D. R. MacLean and Miss Frieda Matthews outlined the work being done by the Woman's and the Women's Missionary Societies (E.D. and W.D.), Reverend H. R. Pickup (Immigration), Reverend R. A. Davidson (frontier work), Reverend Paul S. Chan (Chinese), Reverend Mikolas Novak (Hungarian), Reverend Mariano di Gangi (Italian), Mrs. Michael Fesenko (Ukrainian), Mrs. Jacques A. Smith (French), and Reverend James D. Marnoch (Indian). We wish we could tell you in detail of their work. We have written of it in these pages from time to time, but interest in them is ever fresh and the challenge never fails to appeal. Proud we were of each one but each one showed us wider horizons—more work crying to be done—and we realized anew that to be true members of The Presbyterian Church in Canada we must give more loyal support to each phase of its witness.

The same feeling of pride and of a deep desire to do more and to give this support to our missionaries was felt when the work of the Church among the nations was presented. Dr. Cameron, Reverend Allan Reoch, Reverend J. Alan Munro and Miss Laura K. Pelton, pulled the curtain on the work being done in all our overseas fields—in China, Formosa, India, Japan, British Guiana. They did not lower that curtain until we had heard their challenge to "Keep our feet off the brakes" in our effort in overseas missions.

The ministry of Teaching was discussed under the leadership of Reverend C. J. MacKay and Reverend J. S. Clarke as part of the work of the Church. Here was sounded a discouraging note as in the words of Mr. Clarke and in the discussion groups we were made aware of the need for greater effort and deeper consecration on the part of those responsible for interpreting the Word. During the day devoted to the Church and its Work, the Congress met in solemn dedication services—one to the service of teaching and one a re-dedication to service in the missionary enterprise of our Church. It made one feel that such services might well be repeated in every congregation throughout our land—for the work of the Church in all its phases is indeed a great and challenging one.

The Church and its Resources

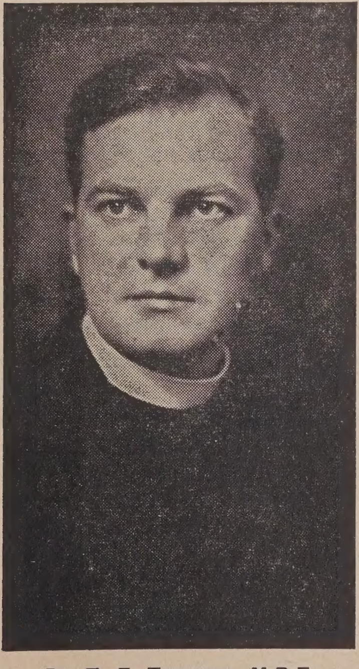
What are the resources with which the Church has to carry on its work? First there are men and women—young men and women who are willing to offer their lives in full-time service of the Church, men and women who make up the congregations of our Church. A young Church worker, Miss Ruby Low, has given her impressions of the challenge for young people. Read her short article in this issue of the magazine. Two laymen, Mr. James Dutton, Chairman of the Board of Administration and Mr. Bamber Hannigan, Chairman, The Laymen's Committee on Stipends, called upon us as lay people to support our Church in prayer, in gifts of money and in service. Mr. Dutton paid special tribute to the work of women. In the early Church there were only ''a few women'' mentioned— to-day women are taking a leading part in Church organizations. ''I would like to see the Church a praying Church'', Mr. Dutton went on. I would like to see groups of laymen meeting together for prayer. Our fathers accomplished much because they were men of prayer. Mr. Hannigan too, called for ''a consecrated group of laymen'' to carry our Church forward to greater service.

Reverend A. Neil Miller, showed in no uncertain terms the importance of us taking ''the collection'' as a part of our Church work. ''We have never thought of dollar bills and hours of service as an integral part of our Christian faith.'' He went on to show how Scripture proves that ''Whosoever will save his life shall lose it.''—that gathering material wealth unto ourselves will not give us happiness, but that the expenditure of these goods for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God makes our worldly possessions divine. He warned us too, of the truth that ''by your fruits ye shall be known''. We must prove our faith by that which we do with our lives and our possessions.

The Church and its Witness

Dr. Bryden, in giving a background for the Congress, first gave a glimpse of what our Church has meant through the history of the Reformed Church. "We Canadian Presbyterians represent a part of one of the greatest Reformed Churches in the world—it is a Church which exercises a greater influence than its numbers would warrant. It is in every country except Eastern Europe and is taking a distinctive place in the revival of Christian faith."

Dr. David W. Hay concluded the Pre-Assembly Congress by directing our thoughts to the meaning of the Presbyterian Church. It believes in a God-centred religion and in subordinating individual salvation. From the very beginning of its existence, Presbyterians have incorporated their God-centred beliefs into their declaration of faith, into their form of worship and into their Church government. Dr. Hay challenged us as Presbyterians to make our Church stand for that which its founders meant it to stand. It is only by doing this that we are justified in continuing The Presbyterian Church in Canada.



Dr. T. F. Torrance, M.B.E.

Reverend Thomas F. Torrance, M.A., B.D., D.Theol., M.B.E.

Dr. Torrance was brought to Canada to address the Pre-Assembly Congress, the Assembly and several other meetings especially called to hear him. It was known that he had been successful as a student of theology, a writer of theological books, as a chaplain in the Army and as a preacher. He came to Canada just at the close of a career as preacher in a famous Church of Scotland pulpit in Aberdeen, and prior to taking up new duties as a professor in New College, Edinburgh. He had had some previous experience with Canadians, for he was born in Chengtu, China, and lived there long enough to receive part of his elementary education from teachers graduated under the Ontario Department of Education standards.

Again the printed word is too inadequate an agency to convey to you what this man did for those gathered in Montreal. Fortunately, his messages were recorded and mimeographed copies will be available in the fall. If you truly wish to know the thoughts on the Christian faith—on man's relationship to God and to his fellow man—on the power and the challenge of the Word of God as it comes in our time to each and every one of us—if you truly desire to be a part of that great spiritual experience which Dr. Torrance gave us in Montreal, you will read his addresses and hear them if you can. He opened the Bible for us and wanted us to hear the still small voice—''a clear distinct voice which opens for our being, the Voice of God. Distant thunder from all the background of human life—such thunder is beating against the ramparts of the soul. From the pages of the Bible, the still small voice speaks to us in human words, familiar words and words of love. As we listen we can discover a faith ''coming out of the darkness''. From the Bible come words ''that ever enshrine the living Christ—the majesty of Jesus and the power of the Cross''. When we hear these words we have arrived at the point ''when out of the darkness of our own humility in all its violence there comes the Voice of our Redeemer. He has the words of Eternal Life—the most decisive, the most revolutionary force of the Universe. Words of Divine Majesty come graciously to heal the broken heart and cleanse unrighteousness. They bring a new world, a new life, a new peace.''

Dr. Torrance turned this ''living word'' in application to the Church. ''Does our Christianity conform with the New Testament Jesus in the infinite, stupendous magnitude of His person. Is our faith commensurate with the power Jesus shows?'' ''Look at the modern Church'', cried the young scholar—''so tame and comfortable you would never dream that it worshipped the living Christ. It cannot be the same Jesus. It must be some watered down Jesus, not the Son of the living God. Surely if it were the Word of that Jesus which we heard, our Church would be as dynamic as our Saviour; the great events of history would be mastered. Let us look again into the eyes of the Saviour and give to Him, not a moderate rational homage but as determined a loyalty as any given by our ancestors in the Reformed Church. Let us take the Bible throughout our land and teach the people to hear the ''still small voice!'' If we give ourselves anew to the living Word, there will take place a revival which will make history and dominate this chaotic world.''

In the second address at the Congress, Dr. Torrance spoke on the theme ''Answer to God''. ''Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. Man's chief way of glorifying God is by a life of thanksgiving and obedience to His will. God has made man to answer to Him in a life of intimate love, friendship and communion. Adam and

Eve existed together in perfect relationship with God until something happened to disrupt the Divine plan. Now man is a creature at odds with God and himself.'' Dr. Torrance went on to show how the break between God and man soon found effect on man's relationship with his fellow and with his environment, he was out of harmony with both and he felt a great lack of physical and spiritual security. ''The first great attempt at collective security was the building of the tower of Babel. Mankind realized that he was spiritually bankrupt. He envisaged a great project in which all could throw themselves in their pride in to something in which they could recover some of their security.'' The speaker showed us how the same project is being repeated to-day in the results of the teachings of Marxism. ''Ruthless attempts are being made to bind us again into a communal whole. This is a false answer to God. The question God asked Adam: 'What hast thou done?' haunts man. He does not know the answer. He only knows that he is greatly concerned. God has given the answer—in Jesus Christ. He is the 'still small voice' the original word of God. That Jesus Christ the lost secret of humanity, has come amongst us means that God has come into our world, into the heart of our tragedy into the depths of our death.'' The death of Jesus is the answer to man's difference with his Maker. ''God has once and for all, put away our sins. He who puts his faith in Jesus has his peace, has his answer. It is only in Jesus Christ that you can understand your heart, your neighbour, your God. The only solution to mankind's problems is to be found in the coming together of God and man in Jesus Christ.''

Turning again to the Christian Church, Dr. Torrance asked how much its members were doing to restore that perfect relationship with God and among their fellows in each community. The Christian like the boy Samuel must have someone to interpret the Word of God but how much of that responsibility is left entirely to the minister? How often do we spend time upon the study of Scripture that we may be ready to receive the Word as it comes through the lips of the speaker? ''We turn the minister of the Presbyterian Church into a Roman Catholic priest unless we prepare in heart and mind so that when the Word comes it may gain a purchase upon the whole communty. We have an eldership such as no other Church has. It is time our eldership regained its glory.'' Individual members were called upon to work as members of the Christian community that the community too might give its answer to God. Each one must ask: What answer am I to give to God in my life, in my words, in my possessions?

We have here attempted to give a brief impression of the thoughts expressed at the 75th anniversary Pre-Assembly Congress. As we said in the beginning, printed words are all too inadequate to convey to you the feeling that God was surely there guiding our thoughts at all times. Never has this observer had quite that same feeling of Divine Presence in a meeting before. It is to be hoped that the feelings engendered there by the leaders in our own Canadian Church and by the gifted young minister from Scotland may spread throughout our land that these celebrations of our Church's beginnings may indeed be a time of great spiritual revival in this land. —M. E. W.

Youth At the Pre-Assembly Congress

BY A. RUBY LOW

THE Pre-Assembly Congress brought together representatives of the Young People of our Church from the Pacific to the Atlantic. This fact alone will prove invaluable in the experience of these future men and women of our Church. It helped us to realize as nothing else could that The Presbyterian Church in Canada is not made up of isolated groups of people but that we are bound together in a common faith and with a common mission. We are not a small church struggling for existence but belong to the great reformed Church of the world and we have something to say to the world, something that secularism, communism or any other ism or force can never defeat.

Through the various addresses and discussion periods we were reminded of the great heritage of our Church and its fundamental teachings. We met the leaders, directors, ministers of different churches and the professors of our colleges. All this was a real education for many of our young people.

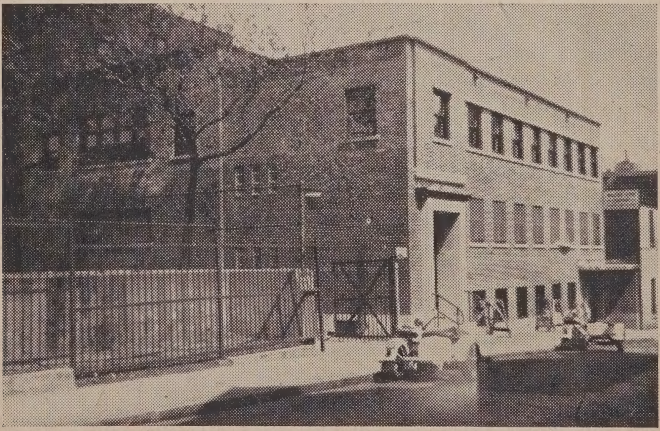
The Committee on Recruitment for full-time service presented the work and personnel needs of the Church. For young men and young women who are willing to enter the service of the Church there is definitely a place and definitely a job for them to do. The Church needs ministers, leaders, secretaries, teachers, nurses, etc., to serve in the various departments of its work. There is no profession that offers as much variety and opportunity, nor presents as great a challenge as the work of the Christian Church. Reverend Finlay Stewart said he was sure every young man and every young woman at some time in their life had to make the decision as to whether they would serve the Church full-time or not. Through the congress young people found help to answer this very serious question. Although we are not all called to full-time service we are all called to be God's stewards and whatever our work may be we can give of our time, abilities and material possessions in the service of Jesus Christ.

I am quite sure that our Young People as well as the other delegates left Montreal spiritually refreshed, with a new zeal, and a new enthusiasm to think more seriously about their responsibility and their part in this great work of helping to make the supremacy of Christ evident and effective in our world.

Presbyterian Church Opened For Chinese Congregation in Montreal

Miss Muriel Judd has sent us the account of the opening of the Chinese Presbyterian Church and Community Centre. The service took place Sunday, June 11th. Miss Judd writes of this: "We had a wonderful day. The weather was perfect, and everything went well. Everyone seemed pleased with the building and there were quite a few visitors from the General Assembly present. In the evening we had another service especially for the Chinese. It was more informal. Several Chinese brought greetings, and the Kindergarten children and the choir sang. Afterwards we had refreshments. The building should mean a lot to the Chinese people. They all seem to be very much interested in it, and are quite proud of it."

The Montreal Daily Star reported the details of the Service of Dedication: "Spectacular growth in the only Chinese Protestant congregation in Montreal is expected with the opening yesterday, of



New Chinese Church, Montreal

the new Chinese Church and Community Centre on Chenneville Street.''

''This was the contention of a number of speakers as officers of the Montreal Presbytery and of the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada gathered in the new church to dedicate it 'to the glory of God and the service of this community'.''

''Some 250 members of the Chinese congregation and of other Presbyterian congregations in the city attended a service which inaugurated the $109,000, three-storey building, one of the finest missions of the Presbyterian Church.''

''Reverend Paul S. Chan, the minister, presided at the service, which was conducted in both English and Chinese. The all-Chinese choir of young people of the congregation sang under the direction of Mrs. G. P. Louie, Miss Muriel Judd, deaconess, played the organ.''

''In a brief review of the history of Presbyterian mission work among the Chinese of Montreal, Dr. Allan S. Reid, clerk of the Montreal Presbytery, noted that the work began more than 60 years ago.''

''Prior to 1925, Mr. Chan's father was the minister before returning to China. For 10 years after that the Women's Missionary Society conducted a kindergarten.''

''In 1939 a Jewish synagogue which stood on the site of the new building was acquired. Mr. Chan's services as minister were obtained and work of the mission continued in the synagogue building until two and a half years ago, when its demolition, because of deterioration was ordered.''

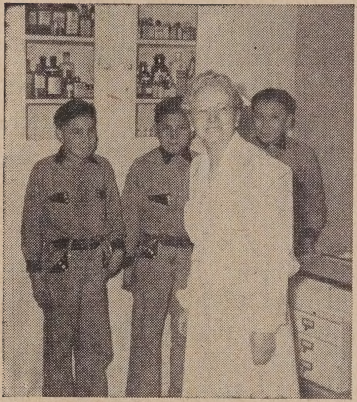
''Dr. Reid emphasized the rôle the Chinese themselves have played in making the new building possible. They contributed $26,000 toward the total cost of $109,000. The remainder was supplied by The Presbyterian Church in Canada.''

''Mr. Chan reviewed the same story in Chinese.''

''Reverend G. D. Johnston, chairman of the General Board of Missions, said he looked for a great expansion of the work among the Chinese of this city.''

''In a short sermon, Reverend Edwin J. White of St. Matthew's Church, chairman of the Presbytery's Committee on the Chinese Building, said that completion of the building had proved that the faith of the Presbyterian Church in the Chinese people was well placed. The congregation, he added, is amply worthy of the support of the whole Presbyterian Church.''

Changes in Our Nursing Staff



Miss Carruthers,
in the Cecilia Jeffrey dispensary.

EARLY in the New Year Miss Janet Carruthers, one of our most highly esteemed National missionaries resigned from our staff at Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Kenora. Miss Carruthers had served faithfully and well over a period of 20 years and when she left we felt a distinct loss.

To replace Miss Carruthers at Kenora, Miss Kathleen Stewart, Reg.N. was transferred from the Birtle School staff. Miss Stewart has had a varied experience, serving as nurse-deaconess for a time at our Rocky Mountain House Hospital and as nurse for several years on our Birtle Indian School staff.

Miss May Gibson Reg.N. of Toronto, a graduate of Barrie hospital was appointed to the Birtle Indian School staff in April. Recent reports from Birtle tell us that Miss Gibson is enjoying her work and is adapting herself most acceptably.

—*Frieda E. Matthews.*

Miss Kathleen Stewart, Reg.N.

Miss May Gibson, Reg.N.

Overseas Advance News

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YOU will all recall that as of January 1st, 1950, the Overseas Department of our Society embarked upon a three years' advance. We are delighted to report some very substantial steps along our ambitious way.

Through an extraordinarily generous gift from a staunch friend of our Women's Missionary Society in memory of her mother, we are sending our first mobile clinic to the Bhil field. This means that we are reaching our first hand out to the 275,000 Bhils who have not been served by the hospital, not through any fault of the hospital but because of the people's ignorance and superstition.

Koreans in Japan: And now the members of our Women's Missionary Society are going to live again among the Koreans in Japan. We are taking on the support of a Bible woman, whose picture appears on this page. We spent two half-days with Miss Sim while in Tokyo. She was the only remaining Bible woman of those who served previous to 1940.

We have added to our staff at the Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taipeh, Formosa, in the person of Miss Helga Waapeno, and we are furthering our advance by giving her the wherewithal to study the language.

Miss Sim

Bhils: We are on the march in the field of education among the Bhils. Miss Irene Stringer, who was appointed to the Bhil field upon her return to India because of her unusual abilities in the area of primary and secondary schools, was instructed by the Bhil Council to inaugurate a teacher training course. She has had rare success, graduating four students at the end of the term this year. This will mean for the school work on the Bhil field much better qualified teachers, an increase in the teaching personnel and an added inducement to young men and young women to go into the teaching profession. This was our reason for sending Miss Stringer to the Bhil field because it offered a far greater scope for her unusual talents and the special preparation she had while at home. Miss Stringer is very happy on the Bhil field and feels that she is in the place where she can make her greatest contribution.

Jhansi: We are on the march at the School in Jhansi in the matter of equipment. From there came requests for a projector for stills and a movie projector so that they might step up their methods of teaching. Friends there will supply the films and slides.

Altogether our work overseas is on the march and for this we are exceedingly thankful to God. In the face of unprecedented obstacles and difficulties our work is being blessed and we are moving forward.

—*Laura K. Pelton.*

Rail Arrangements for Council Meeting
of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., of The Presbyterian Church in Canada

The Council Meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Guelph, Ontario, September 25th to 29th, 1950.

Delegates' tickets will be arranged by the Women's Missionary Society's office, but those other than delegates wishing to attend the meetings are requested to avail themselves of the following arrangements:

Purchase single ticket to Guelph and secure from Station Agent at the place of departure a Standard Convention Certificate.

Tickets and certificates will be issued on all railway lines as follows:

British Columbia—September 18th to 24th, inclusive.
Alberta—September 19th to 25th, inclusive.
Saskatchewan—September 20th to 26th, inclusive.
Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec—
September 21st to 27th, inclusive.

Properly validated certificates will be honoured for tickets for return journey on September 26th at St. Andrew's Church, Guelph.

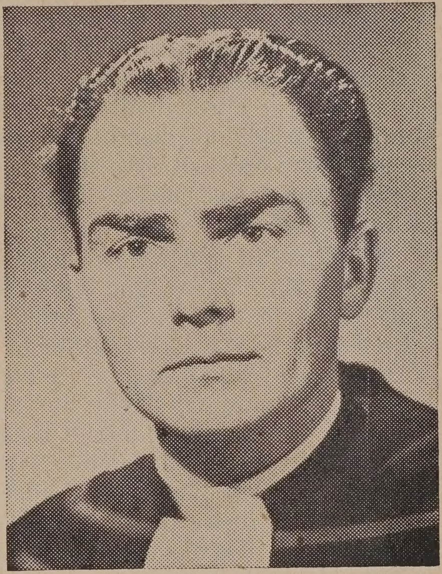
Return tickets will be limited to reach original starting point thirty days from date stamped on certificates.

Rates secured are fare and one-half.

—*(Mrs. W. A.) Beatrice McLennan,*
Corresponding Secretary.

Our Mission Beyond Rocky Mountain House

BY REVEREND M. A. MARK, B.A.



Rev. M. A. Mark, B.A.

THE past five years have been a period of marked advance in the missionary work of the Church in Western Canada; and among the areas where notable gains have been recorded, is that section of central Alberta in which the Presbytery of Red Deer is located.

Following the war the whole of this Presbytery could have been regarded as a mission field. At that time there was no single charge which could be considered strong. Knox Church, Red Deer, the leading congregation of the Presbytery, had just received the appointment of a minister from the Board of Missions, and was classed with the other fields of the Presbytery as an ordained mission. Most of the fields were well below augmented status, and had suffered from the lack of a regular ministry. Special consideration was obtained from the Board of Missions in the appointment of ministers to the Presbytery, and with the re-manning of the fields a period of reconstruction was opened up.

The past five-year period has seen the re-establishment of the Presbyterian Church in the Red Deer area. During these years new churches have been dedicated at Innisfail, Edwell, and Benalto; and the present year will mark the erection of a new church at Willowdale. New or improved manses have been obtained at Eckville, Lousana, Red Deer, Rocky Mountain House, and Innisfail. The general work of the Church has advanced with increasing membership, and renewed enthusiasm among the congregations. To-day Knox Church, Red Deer, has emerged as one of the strongest self-sustaining charges in the Alberta Synod, and other former mission fields are rapidly approaching self-support. The congregation at Red Deer, recognizing the inadequacy of the present church building, is now engaged with plans to replace the old church with a new and modern building. At Rocky Mountain House it has been recognized that a building programme must be undertaken in the very near future if the work of the Church is to expand with the growth of the community. For there the present building has for some time offered much less than adequate accommodation, especially for the steadily increasing Sunday School membership and activity. Throughout Red Deer Presbytery much has been regained. An advance has been made in terms of reconstruction, and we are now faced with the challenge to extend our mission. The day of preparation has passed. In the future we must carry the Gospel into new fields.

Great credit is due the men who have laboured in this Presbytery to rebuild the Church, and whose faith and sacrifice have led to the gains which have been realized. Among the modern heroes of the faith should be recorded Sinclair of Innisfail and Olds; Firth and Bell of Red Deer; MacSween of Sylvan Lake, Evarts and Centreville; Lawson of Lousana, Trentville and Elnora; Crocker of Eckville, Benalto and Hespero; Marsh of Rocky Mountain House; Wade of Penhold; and Bray of Willowdale, Edwell and Valley Centre. These are they who have provided the leadership to maintain the Church and open the way forward into fields beyond. For Red Deer Presbytery remains and will continue to remain an exceptional field for missionary endeavour. All of the fields in this Presbytery offer opportunity for the extension of the work into adjacent areas, and such extension should be undertaken without delay. Outstanding in terms of pressing challenge and urgent need is the country which lies beyond Rocky Mountain House.

Readers of *The Glad Tidings* will find the name Rocky Mountain House familiar. For many years this town with its surrounding district has received the missionary attention of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Particularly during the years in which the Women's Missionary Society hospital was operated, numerous reports and articles concerning "Rocky" found their way to publication. The Presbyterian mission dates back to the beginning of settlement in that area, and this Church may be regarded as the parent Church of the district. One of the first names identified with missionary service at Rocky Mountain House was that of the late Reverend W. G. Brown of Red Deer. This field commanded his concern and received his ministry. It came to be regarded as a field for which the Presbyterian Church had primary responsibility. This responsibility was assumed in a very practical manner by the W.M.S. with the establishment of the hospital, and during the years of its operation by the Society a real service was rendered the town and district. Unquestionably, lives were saved, and great physical and spiritual help was rendered to a people in need. It would be indeed difficult to estimate the extent of this service.

As the needs of the "Rocky" area became more fully known, auxiliaries across Canada responded, and great quantities of clothing, layettes, bedding, toys and various comforts were forwarded for distribution. The task of distributing these gifts fell largely to the deaconesses who worked out from the hospital into the surrounding areas. In the town and in the frontier settlements beyond there was great material and spiritual need at that time. The missionary work which was accomplished through the hospital can only be regarded as an untold blessing. But with increasing settlement of the country, and the coming of more prosperous times, the physical needs diminished and at last the day arrived when the people were able to assume the ownership and control of the hospital. Then the workers were withdrawn and the Church's mission was limited mainly to the town and its immediate vicinity. To-day, after several years of concentrated endeavour, we have a relatively strong congregation at Rocky Mountain House, where a real advance has been made and where self-support will be assumed in the very near future. This is the Church to which the district looks for leadership in matters spiritual, and from which, missionary outreach is expected. As in other years, medical care and practical relief were supplied, so now into the regions beyond "Rocky" spiritual care and a preaching ministry must be extended.

Spreading to the south and west and north beyond Rocky Mountain House is a great area which is virtually unchurched. This is yet a pioneer area. There you will find more than a dozen small communities, but in none of them will you find a Church. Each has its school and its post office, and some have a store and a garage. In each there are social activities, and children are provided with a secular education. But there are no Sunday Schools, and the people never assemble for Christian worship. Children are being raised without any knowledge of the Church, and with no Christian education that is worthy of mention. Many who had the privilege of knowing Miss Hildur Hermanson when she served as matron of the "Rocky" hospital during the war years, will be able to recall the concern which she continually expressed for the number of patients from these settlements who, on being admitted to the hospital, frankly admitted that they had no religion. They had no chance to have any, for they were abandoned by the Church, and their homes were situated in a churchless region. That condition still prevails to-day. Our responsibility to-day is to take the Church of Jesus Christ to these men and women and to their children. This is *our* responsibility. We can expect no one to assume it for us.

The Presbytery of Red Deer is fully aware of the need, the opportunity, and the challenge which the "Rocky" area presents. A year ago the Presbytery petitioned the Board of Missions seeking equipment with which the area could be properly served. A "chapel on wheels" along with furnishings, supplies, and workers was sought but could not be obtained. Now the work which is being commenced as a result of the interest of the W.M.S. brings great encouragement. An important beginning will be made through the use of the Church Van, which the Society has provided, in carrying the Gospel into some of the scattered settlements. But this must be regarded as only a small beginning. This is a work which must be sustained, continued and expanded. It must lead to the formation of permanent Sunday Schools, the organization of congregations, the erection of churches, and the upbuilding of communities where families will be in truth Christian. Our objectives must be clear and our efforts unfaltering, for hitherto we have done little more than dabble with our task. Beyond Rocky Mountain House is a new part of Canada, a frontier area in the process of growing up. If it continues to grow up without the Church, the results will be tragic. Here is a Presbyterian mission field to rank with the most important, claiming our prayers and our efforts, our interest and our support. New importance for the mission beyond Rocky Mountain House comes with the recent announcement that the Chippawa Indians have at last signed treaty with the white man. This action which was sought unsuccessfully for many years, now opens the way for the development of a vast reserve thirty-six miles north of Rocky Mountain House, and so confronts the Presbyterian Church with a new responsibility.

We have not yet reached the end, we are still at the beginning of our mission in Red Deer Presbytery, especially beyond Rocky Mountain House. In seeking the glory of God and the salvation of the souls of children and men, there is no time to rest from the task but just begun.

Editor's Note—Mr. Mark has mentioned the men who have done much to make our Church in Red Deer Presbytery what it is to-day. He mentioned too, that deaconesses and nurses have played their part in that area. We would like to add their names. They are women who have gone to Red Deer Presbytery with deaconess training, who have served either under the Church or under the W.M.S. You will remember such names as Frieda Matthews, Hazel Macdonald, Hildur Hermanson, Gertrude Rollo, Elizabeth Walker, Ruby Walker, Mary Todd, Kathleen Stewart, Rae Starrett, Athalie Read.

A Letter from Mrs. Edward I. McPhee, Reg.N.

Mrs. Edward I. McPhee, Reg.N.

MY husband and I expect on March 1st to move up the coast 40 miles to a village where Hinduism is really organized. In fact, the Hindu temple adjoins our yard. We have been in the Colony four months and only lately have been able to get a house. It is situated right in the centre of our Presbyterian work. We haven't any church or school (Presbyterian) in that particular village but services are held every Sunday night in a teacher's house. Mr. Kanhai is a radiant Christian and is suffering persecution in that village for his stand for Christ. We praise God for his testimony. We hope that by living among the people and with the aid of a car we will be able to do much more visiting, and preaching and make individual contacts in the market places. St. Paul went into the synagogues but we cannot ignore the fact that he also spoke in the market places.

There are twelve primary schools in this country of which my husband is School Manager. He is also Field Missionary and the miles to be traversed are many and the one and only highway a poor one. The opportunity in these schools to teach the Gospel is a challenging one. We plan to have a Bible course taught in these Schools and the Field Missionary will check its progress. . . .

The paradox of the Bible is that it ever enshrines the living Christ, the majesty of Jesus and the power of the Cross. This is the point, when out of the darkness of our own humility in all its violence, there comes the voice of our Redeemer. He has the word of eternal life. It is the most decisive, the most revolutionary force in the universe.

—Dr. T. F. Torrance at the Pre-Assembly Congress.

"Chart" of Activities in Taiwan

BY MISS HILDUR HERMANSON, REG.N.

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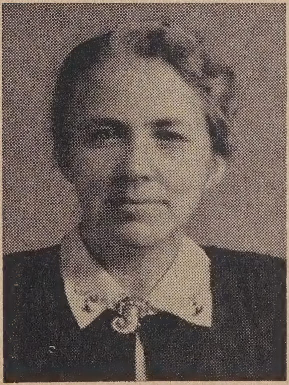
TO give a short résumé of the past months: You all know that we have a wonderful Chief of Staff, Dr. Dale, a very fine young Christian with a splendid training and he also has both teaching and executive ability and most of the advances made are thanks to his "push" and all our pulling together. He has taken in hand the Medical department and each day teaches the Formosan doctors in class as well as in the wards and at last they are beginning to see the good results of his work. The Japanese trained doctors found it very hard to change any of their ways but are now beginning to be really interested. So you can see how much more interesting my work is becoming, as now the nurses are able to do the things I teach! After Christmas we were fortunate to find an assistant for me, a very nice Norwegian nurse, who was unable to do her work in China proper and we got her to come here, with our W.M.S. at home paying her salary for this year. Her name is Miss Helga Waapeno and she is a splendid nurse. She supervises on the Medical wards and sees too, that Dr. Dale's ideas are carried out. I am kept busy with teaching, interpreting and overseeing the Operating-room and the Case-room, both of which are busier than ever, in fact the hospital is running to full capacity these days, with all of us galloping here and there. We have a Norwegian doctor, a surgeon, Dr. Fotland, who helps in the Surgical department and he and Dr. Dale look after any of the foreigners on the Island. Mrs. MacMillan continues to take care of all the supplies which is a great help to us as the numerous reports to the Assisting agencies (now only ECA) are a full-time job in themselves and keeping supplies on hand is quite a problem as so many drugs are not available here and have to be ordered months ahead



Miss Helga Waapeno, Reg.N.

from outside. She also teaches English to the more advanced pupils. They all want to study English—I imagine with the hope that they one day may get abroad. Our one big need as always is for trained staff. Our work increases faster than we can possibly train persons for the jobs.

Our Biblewoman is busy as ever and never tiring in her work of teaching and encouraging the patients and now we have another one to do the follow-up work as U-koa could not possibly get around to them all and be in the hospital as well. The first fruits of the follow-up work is a new Sunday School in a new district among very poor people.

All the missionaries are working full-time and then some, the calls are incessant. The population of this Island has increased so much the last year that the work has of course, increased accordingly. We are still looking for more recruits from home! People are anxious and willing to learn these days and we notice how very busy and prosperous the Buddhist temples are becoming, with vast crowds looking for a message of hope in these troubled times. Gods are being carved out in so many new shops as fast as they can be done and carted off to be worshipped at home and at temples. The missionaries we have been asking for are a long time coming! We are so thankful to have the deGroots and how happy they are to be here too, but we need many more like them. The need is urgent and the time here may not be so long and we should be accepting every challenge while it is still possible to do so.

Manitoba Relief

The sum of $1,100.00 ($100.00 of which was a special gift) was sent to help those who have suffered because of the flood in Manitoba. This gift together with supplies of bedding and clothing was sent from the women of the Society as an expression of their real concern for those in need at this time. Any further gifts of money which you wish to go as a gift of The Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society may be sent to the Treasurer, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1. Such gifts will be forwarded immediately but will not be considered as part of the regular allocation.

—*(Mrs. Arthur W.) Maydee F. Pae.*

Once in a Lifetime

TORONTO this year will be host to 5,000 delegates from 65 countries at a World Convention on Christian Education. It is not likely that Canadians of our generation will have again in their lifetime such easy access to such a tremendous opportunity for study and inspiration in the field of Christian Education.

This ''Mid-Century'' World Convention on Christian Education is a gathering of Christian workers to proclaim forcefully that Jesus Christ is Teacher and Lord. It will give delegates a global view of Christian Education with its problems, practices and possibilities. The Convention will inspire leaders in Christian Education throughout the world. There will be sections in which leaders of children, youth and adults will receive guidance from men and women who have excelled in their particular field. In addition there will be a youth section and a general section. There is a place for all who are interested in Christian Education. It is a great opportunity for us in Canada to strengthen our stakes—an opportunity of a lifetime.

The Convention dates are August 10-16. The headquarters of the whole conference are to be at the University of Toronto. Headquarters of the various sections will be set up in the University buildings, in the churches and schools situated in the area close to the University of Toronto. Plenary sessions will be held each evening in the Coliseum at Exhibition Park, the only exception to this arrangement is the Youth Service of Witness to be held Sunday evening, August 13 in Maple Leaf Gardens. Special services and events include a service honouring the founder of the Sunday School movement, to take place at the statue of Robert Raikes, in Queen's Park, on Sunday afternoon. Audio-Visual aids will be shown each day in the Odeon Theatre. Church families will meet in special sessions and there will be meetings for those who come from the same region of the world. All who attend the Convention will be housed in University residences, in hotels and in private homes. The planning committees are endeavouring to ensure the happiness of all who come to the Mid-Century Convention on Christian Education.

Over seven million copies of the Bible or Scripture portions have been circulated by the British and Foreign Bible Society and associated agencies during the past nine months. They were issued in three hundred and sixty-nine languages and dialects. Six new languages were added to the Society's list. These facts were reported at the annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society in London last week. —*World Church News.*

Leaders in the World Convention

Lord Mackintosh of Halifax, (England)

LORD MACKINTOSH of Halifax, internationally known figure in Church and banking circles, will present the presidential message at the World Convention.

Lord Mackintosh has been president of the World Council of Christian Education since 1928. His beginning in Christian education was in a Sunday School in Halifax, Yorkshire, England, which he says is just like tens of thousands of other Sunday Schools.

Lord Mackintosh's first touch with the World's Sunday School Association (as the World Council of Christian Education was called until 1947) was in Glasgow when the World Convention was held in 1924. At that time he was the youngest president the National Sunday School Union had ever had. He says he went to Glasgow a nationalist in Sunday School affairs and returned an internationalist.

Since the beginning of the war, Lord Mackintosh has been chairman of the National Savings Movement of Great Britain.

Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa

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Dr. Kagawa, distinguished social leader and author is considered in religious circles, the most successful evangelist in Japan.

Renouncing an inheritance from a wealthy uncle, Dr. Kagawa worked among the poor in the industrial city of Osaka. He lived in cramped quarters, which he shared with homeless men, from one of whom he contracted trachoma, a serious eye disease. Out of his experience in the slums, he founded the first trade union in Japan, and became interested in the co-operative movement and in social service. His first home, when he married, was constructed with his own hands, largely out of packing boxes.

Before long he was given full charge of all social services in Tokyo. His converts, numbering more than 100,000, testify to his success as an evangelist. His books have sold in millions of copies throughout the world.

Dr. Kagawa's principal work in recent years has been with young people, and particularly university students. He is at present on a tour of Europe.

Reverend Setareki Tuiloveni

Reverend Setareki Tuiloveni of Fiji will be one of the most colourful delegates to the World Convention on Christian Education. He is conspicuous for his unusual "hair do" unfamiliar to persons outside of Fiji. Mr. Tuiloveni was in Canada three years ago when he attended the International Missionary Council in Whitby, Ont. in 1947. Following this meeting he was a delegate to the Conference of the World Council of Christian Education in Birmingham.

Since then he has been attending a theological school in the United States. He is preparing for a post in charge of most of the Christian Youth work when he returns to Fiji at the close of the August Convention.

Dr. Harold E. Stassen

Harold E. Stassen, is an internationally known figure in religious and educational fields. President of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and President, International Council of Religious Education, Dr. Stassen states:

"I have always felt that the greatest need of America was to have its churches strengthened and its members filled with the Christian gifts of love and compassionate understanding.

"I have had, furthermore, a great desire that international understanding and goodwill become functioning realities, rather than pious dreams."

Dr. Stassen served as a member of the United States delegation to the San Francisco Conference which drafted the charter of the United Nations.

Of the coming World Convention of Christian Education he says: "Certainly the coming of these thousands of Christian leaders from around the world will be in itself a tremendous testimony to the vitality of the Christian Church.

"Here will be gathered Christian leaders from many nations of the world. They will be a silent example to a world which seems to persist in drawing apart into two armed camps."

Dr. Chester S. Miao

Political conditions permitting, Dr. Chester S. Miao of Shanghai, Secretary of the National Committee for Christian Religious Education, will attend the World Convention.

Dr. Miao's wisdom and sense of humour have frequently been called upon in political and religious differences. Back in the 1920's when China was having revolutionary problems, and the Christian forces were facing the necessity of making changes in their educational policies he was one of the principal advisers who helped his colleagues, both Chinese and missionary, to take the long view and to reach wise decisions.

Dr. Miao also serves as field secretary in East Asia for the World Council of Christian Education.

Report of Work Done Among Displaced Persons

Ukrainians BY MRS. M. FESENKO

MY work as a part-time deaconess includes Bible teaching in Sunday School, work with the women, visiting families, the sick in homes and hospitals, the outpatient clinics, employment offices, day nurseries.

The choir in our church takes the place of a Young People's Society. I consider it to be a very important part of my work. I have had to take leading parts in the singing and as one member put it "I hold the choir together".

Our small Sunday School consists of European and Canadian children. As some do not use the English language as yet, I give them the lesson in Ukrainian, and after that I repeat the lesson in English to our Canadian scholars. Years of travel and of life in the camps have made these children self reliant and unafraid. One little four year old girl when she feared her parents would be late to church on Sunday morning started off to church all by herself, without the knowledge of her parents. She found her way unaided. Her parents were almost frantic as they could not find her, but quickly telephoned to the church and found to their great relief that the child was waiting for them there.

We ended the year for the children with a grand Christmas party. Gifts from the supply department of the Women's Missionary Society, apples and dolls from a "friend", and candies and oranges from Eaton's and Simpson's, enabled us to prepare a gift for every child. After a short devotional period and a concert by the children, gifts were distributed by Santa, himself, to the great delight of one and all. Some of these little ones have never had a Christmas Tree before.

A social evening was given to all our European friends early in December. The guests enjoyed themselves thoroughly and it was a quarter to twelve before some of them thought of going home for the night.

Our Woman's Association helps me in some of the church activities in a limited way, as most of them work in factories or as domestics. It is my duty to help find employment for the newcomers, as their English is limited. For example, a woman looking for domestic work comes to me and together we spend a good hour and a half telephoning and then I take her out to the home where she is to work. When domestic work is secured for the person, the work does not end there. I must act as a go-between for worker and employer.

We continue to send food and clothing to Europe only where there is an extreme need, as in sickness, or where there are orphaned children. The gifts of clothing which we have received during the year are greatly appreciated.

Christian literature is always greatly in demand, and our *Evangelical Truth* is read and reread among the refugees everywhere. Last month we received a letter from a group of Ukrainian miners in England thanking us for the copies of the *Evangelical Truth* which we forwarded to them. They promise to send their subscriptions as soon as it will be allowed to send money from England abroad. A woman from South Haven, Mich., U.S.A. writes, "My father receives your little paper regularly. I do not read Ukrainian but do enjoy the page in English. Enclosed is a small contribution for your work." This reader sent $2.00.

My part in the printing of the paper is editing of the English section. Proof reading in both languages, assistance with correspondence, mailing, wrapping of the *Evangelical Truth* in the church building, etc. Our correspondence for 1949 reached to 750 personal and 1,800 circular letters.

My home continues to be an "open house" to all who come, without time limits. Those who arrive in time for lunch or supper are as a rule invited to join us. The rules of Ukrainian hospitality require this and in that way a more personal touch is made with the people.

We had a good radio broadcast in January with many letters of appreciation, and personal calls from listeners, a number of them from English speaking audiences.

Seven people applied during the year for membership in the Church. So far only two were judged by the minister and Session to be ready for duties of church membership. The remaining were asked to stay and study the life of the church, so that they would realize more clearly what the Presbyterian Church stands for.

The Day-time Nursery is doing a splendid piece of work with the pre-school age children in our church. They have a long waiting list all year round.

Hungarians

BY MRS. C. STEINMETZ

AS the notes and records of 1949 lie before me for perusal, the following verse of Scripture keeps flashing into my mind. ''My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.'' That promise has generously been fulfilled in my personal life, as well as in my work among my people. For this I am humbly grateful, and thankful to have been able to serve.

The past year was the busiest year ever met with. In recalling past activities, there stands out mostly in my memory the breathless haste with which all interviews and appointments had to be met and made. The fact that 74 new members joined the church last year is a proof of the magnitude of the work that had to be done. These new members were with a few exceptions all new-comers to Canada, and without one exception each one had to be assisted to a place to live, or a place to work. Additionally there were many who sought help who belong to other faiths and churches, they also needed a friend. The women in service were glad to have a home to go to among friends, so as not to walk around aimlessly during time off. Many a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and evening our home was like a house of refuge and a friendly meeting place, to fill the need of the time. Food and lodging accommodation was also provided whenever necessary, which was often. So many other problems emerged, such as sickness, where a Doctor's service had to be sought or interpretation at the clinics, writing petitions, providing affidavits, translating diplomas, and official documents of all kinds, having discussions with the Red Cross Society to trace lost relatives, filling out applications, meeting with employment service, and a multitude of duties too numerous to name. Frequently each individual had a chain of problems which they were incapable of solving, and too bewildered to know what to do. There were several cases of nervous breakdowns owing to mal-adjustment, where the help of the Church was especially sought by authorities as well as the stricken. It can be said that our time and efforts were spent entirely on the problems of those who came here as displaced persons, besides our usual and regular church work and activities. Our people in the church have co-operated splendidly and with understanding.

Working conditions were better last year and it was easier to arrange for work, this resulted in quicker adjustment for some of the people. The difficulty in the majority of cases for a while is the language, and often both Canadian and Hungarians struggle hard to get along. So often we are called upon to make adjustments over misunderstandings caused by the language difficulty. In one case one couple were not told about eating and they did not dare to touch the food of the household. When they appealed to us to interpret and the employers were interviewed, it was discovered that the employers were trying hard to make them understand to ''eat all the chicken and not put it away'', whereas they understood the opposite. That changed the relationship quickly. We tried to overcome some of the difficulty last year by conducting English classes which we had to limit owing to the many applicants.

It is a satisfaction to note how well the new arrivals have taken their place in the church. In the majority of cases they were educated people, so that they have accepted leadership and have proven to be an asset in the life of the congregation. The ranks of our Young People's Society have also swelled with new young people so that we can strengthen one another in our faith and together ''wait upon the Lord with gladness.''

A Letter From Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Mrs. Pye,

''I have received your kind and sympathetic letter of May 9th, enclosing a very generous contribution of $1,100.00 to the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund, from your Society, an official receipt for which will be mailed to you shortly.

''It is evidences such as this of the compassion and concern of our fellow Canadians which has had a great part in keeping the morale of our people here at its high level, and I thank you most heartily on behalf of the Trustees of the Fund, and of the beneficiaries of this contribution.

''We are now emerging from our trouble and the business and industrial life of our city has returned to normal, and evacuees are being re-established in their homes.''

Yours sincerely,

Garnet Coulter, Mayor of Winnipeg.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

THE months of July and August bring a lull in the activities of many Auxiliaries but Auxiliary Literature Secretaries and conveners of Programme Committees would do well to take advantage of these holiday months to do some unhurried thinking about programme plans for the coming year, thus easing somewhat the rush and confusion of the early weeks of September when Programme Committees will be desirous of some guidance.

The theme for Auxiliaries for 1950-51 is linked with the plans for advance in our work in Canada and Overseas. It is hoped that during its consideration answers will be found to such questions as,—What are our responsibilities as Canadian Presbyterians in the world mission of the Church? To what extent are we bearing those responsibilities? What are we doing now in Canada? in India? in British Guiana? in China? in Japan? What ought we to be doing in these lands? In other words, we hope during the coming study year to face facts and that provided with a clear picture of where we are to-day we may determine to advance to where we ought to be.

Some preparations which will be appreciated later are:—

1. Be sure to have the 1950 copies of *The Glad Tidings* on file as well as *The Presbyterian Record.* Stories and articles on our work in Canada and Overseas which have appeared in both magazines will be of value to supplement the study book material.

2. Watch the daily papers and current magazines for information concerning conditions in the lands where our missionaries serve. India and China are frequently in the news. A Scrapbook of such clippings will be useful.

3. If your Auxiliary is not now receiving copies of letters from our Church's missionaries write to the Missionary Education Committee, 63 St. George Street, Toronto 5, Ontario, and ask that they be sent to you as they are available.

4. See that copies of previous study books such as OUR COMMISSION, OUR INDIA STORY, FOCUS ON BRITISH GUIANA, ENTER CHINA, TOWARDS A NEW DAWN IN JAPAN, are on your Auxiliary Library Shelf. The new study will be on our work *to-day.* We suggest that those who do not

know or have forgotten how our work began in the various lands refer to these older books that they may begin the new study year with better understanding.

5. Watch this page and the Book List in the September *Glad Tidings* for more detailed information about new materials and for prices.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

Dear Auxiliary Members:

BY the time you read this more than half of the year will be gone. The Auxiliary page is intended to give help to Auxiliaries, to make suggestions that have been found workable and foster a fellowship among Auxiliary members.

We often ask ourselves, "Is the page being helpful?" You are the only ones who can answer that question and we do wish you would tell us. Perhaps you would make some suggestions.

Although last month's issue was addressed particularly to the Evening Department Auxiliaries it is applicable to us all. Are you planning to try out the practical suggestions offered? Will you read it again and give it further consideration?

We need to arrange something special for the September meeting to get us off to a good start. That might be a good time to arrange a programme using the annual report which will be in your hands earlier this year. Let several members impersonate the Secretaries whose reports are printed and give the gist of these reports. You may not cover them all but you will learn a great deal about the whole Society and will find it more interesting this way than just reading the report by yourself.

You will be planning for your Thankoffering meeting. Are you arranging your programme so that it carries out the spirit of Thanksgiving? Sometimes that seems to be forgotten. We have so much for which to give thanks and the worship service should be carefully planned so that it is a real Thanksgiving service.

We would like to hear from you.

Address—The Auxiliary Page,
Room 800, 100 Adelaide Street, West,
Toronto 1, Ontario.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

To Synodical and Presbyterial Secretaries:

WE would like to extend a most sincere welcome to the new Secretaries in the Department for Young Women both on the Synodicals and in the Presbyterials. We are delighted to have your association in this Department. We feel quite sure that you will enjoy working with the young women of our Church. In this Department there is such a vast field for expansion.

With the steady graduation of our Young Women's Auxiliaries into the Evening Department we have many Churches with no work being done among the young women. There is a very decided gap between the girls in the C.G.I.T. and the members of the Evening Department. If there is no Young Women's group we are losing a most important link in our Women's Missionary Society family. No Church can go without the support and the vitality of our young people, especially our young women between the ages of eighteen and thirty. These young women are enthusiastic, keen and readily understand the importance of the vast amount of work accomplished by the Women's Missionary Society but they need guidance, encouragement and understanding from you. We must try to impress on them the satisfaction that will be theirs by contributing their time and talents to this work. To be a member of the Women's Missionary Society does not mean that one has to be staid and solemn. There is happiness, pleasure and fun in doing for others.

The reports from the Synodical Secretaries were exceptionally good this year. They contained information that was most helpful in planning our work for the future and to you we say "Keep up the good work."

Lord,
In the hurry of everyday life, and of service for men,
We would snatch, again and again,
A hundred times in a day,
The brief and golden leisure
To glance up to Thy face,
To catch once more the sound of Thy voice,
To feel anew the touch of Thy hand,
To know again that we live in Thee.

—From "The Fourfold Sacrament", by J. S. Hoyland.

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

The Parable of the Neglected Missionary Tree

THERE was once a mother who had a tree. It stood in a sunny bay window; its leaves of service were broad and fair; its flowers of inspiration white and waxy; like the magnolia it filled all the house with fragrance and sweetened the air of the neighbourhood. Its golden fruit of love was food for its coming. The tree grew and thrived as she worked the earth with the trowel of knowledge, and watered it with prayer and enriched it with her gifts. To her it stood for missionary service.

Then one day this mother was suddenly taken seriously ill. She had to go away for treatment and rest. As she was leaving, her daughter said, "Now mother, you won't need to worry about anything. I'll look after everything and you must just get well as fast as you can."

It was a whole year before the mother returned. As she made a tour of the house that every house-wife makes after her absence, she missed her tree.

Her daughter said, "Oh, it's in the kitchen, it's dying, if it isn't dead. I would have thrown it out weeks ago, only I knew how much you loved it."

And there it was, withered, its leaves faded and falling; no fragrant blooms or golden fruit upon its branches.

When the mother saw its condition, she said, "Oh, my daughter, how could you? Don't you know that thousands of needy women and children look to that tree for their only help?" Then she drew her daughter down beside here and told her of the factory life of Chinese children and of the Japanese girls living in temple bondage, of poor slave women in Africa, and of the sad little Hindu widows, and as she spoke her daughter wept.

Then the daughter rose and stood before her mother like a righteous young judge and she said, "Oh, mother, I have failed them all—all those who waited in vain for the golden fruit. But I didn't know how to care for the tree. You had provided me with no trowel of knowledge. Never had you taught me to water the tree with my prayers, or to spare gifts for its enrichment. I failed all those needy ones, but, mother," and her voice was very stern, "You failed them, and you failed me too. Oh! how could you?"

The mother gave a great cry, then she woke and found the moon-light lying across the bed and the fragrance from the white flowers of the missionary tree all about her. She said, "It is a message—my dream." Then she arose and knelt beside her bed and this was her prayer.

"Father in heaven, forgive me that the daughters of my home and of my Church are all untaught in the care of the missionary tree. Forgive me that I failed them, and wilt Thou, Who can'st make up all our deficiencies, provide me with every thing needful to undertake their training, so that the hungry may be fed, and the sick healed with the golden fruit of many trees. Amen." —Contributed.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, *Secretary*

ONE of our aims for our children is that they may be taught that God has made of one blood, all people. That He loves all equally regardless of where they live or the colour of their skins and has commanded that all those who love Jesus as friends and later as Saviour must tell the story of redemption to all who have never heard it whether they live close by or far away. To love one's neighbour as one's self one must learn to know him and respect him. Children in far off Japan mean very little to our Canadian children until they learn about Japanese children, what their family life is like, how they play, and what and how they worship. Children learn an astonishing amount through play as any kindergarten teacher knows. Here are a few suggestions which others have contributed, to help make more real the children of another land who have many of the same interests and the same desire for fun as our Mission Bands or Explorers, and to whom our children must be interested in sending or taking the message of a loving Saviour who can make such a wonderful change in their lives.

Our invitation to a Mission Band tea in Cherry Blossom Land was written on a miniature fan (about four inches in depth and six inches across the top. It was made double, with the invitation inside.)

Upon arrival we were welcomed by dainty little ladies wearing gay kimonos. The room was lovely with branches of cherry blossoms in jars and over doorways and windows. (The children had tied ovals of pink, white and green tissue paper on real branches, and the effect was most realistic.) A takonoma displayed some treasures from Japan, and the hand-work the children had done while learning about the girls and boys of Japan.

The programme was entirely in the hands of the children. After the welcome to the guests some of the youngest members of the Mission Band told why they like the meetings and what they do there. Then came a demonstration of a regular Band meeting with worship, reading and accepting of minutes and repeating the Mission Band motto and verse. The President announced there was to be a Radio Broadcast, and introduced the Japanese Quiz Kids. ''To make them feel at home we will sing 'Jesus Loves Me' in Japanese'' she said. A boy was the Announcer and asked the Quiz Kids questions relative to life in Japan. Mr. Wenchi Kim, a student from Japan, now studying at Knox College, told about changes in Japan since the end of the war, and also about missionary work there.

Trays and shallow baskets were used for passing the little cakes which were served with a cup of tea.

Other groups are having similar affairs. One Children's Secretary wrote as follows—''The St. John's group had a very successful tea, calling it ''The Feast of Dolls''. The girls all brought their best dolls, and the children served the guests. The St. James Explorers had a tea and programme. The girls were all dressed in Japanese costumes.''

World Christian Youth Commission Chairman to Address "Youth Service of Witness"

IT has been announced by the committee in charge of the Youth Service of Witness to be held on Sunday evening, August 13, 1950 in Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, that the special speaker for this occasion will be Dr. C. W. Li of China who is the chairman of the World Christian Youth Commission. Dr. Li is a young man who will interpret a vital message ''Jesus Christ Calls to Youth'' to the youth of the world who will be assembled in Toronto in connection with the world convention on Christian Education.

Dr. Li has been the secretary of the Y.M.C.A. movement in China and a few years ago was invited to Geneva to visit the World Alliance of Y.M.C.A.'s. His outstanding ability as a youth leader left a lasting impression with the result that he was invited to join the World Staff of the Y.M.C.A. in Geneva, where he continued until the fall of 1949. At that time Dr. Li returned to take post-graduate work at the Yale Divinity School to prepare himself for his return to China. After the convention in August Dr. Li will return again to his homeland where he will serve his people as a Y.M.C.A. secretary.

This ''Service of Witness'' will be broadcast by the C.B.C. from 8.30 to 9.00 p.m.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. W. Barlow, 149 W. 5th St.,
North Vancouver, Press Secretary

VICTORIA Presbyterial—Nanaimo—Mrs. F. E. Adolph presided at the Easter Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Nanaimo. Miss Grace Mackay, Regional Secretary for British Columbia was the guest speaker. She spoke of the great expansion of our Church and pleaded for more full-time workers.

The Boy and Girl Explorer Group of St. Andrew's Church, Nanaimo, entertained their parents and members of the congregation at a concert recently. The affair, convened by Mrs. A. K. Young, assisted by Mrs. C. L. Tallman, was to raise funds to send members to the Presbyterian Camp at Roberts Creek. Miss Grace Mackay, Regional Secretary, gave a brief address.

Westminster Presbyterial — North Vancouver—St. Stephen's Senior Auxiliary, North Vancouver had Mrs. George Bell, Presbyterial Young Women's Secretary as guest speaker at their Easter Thank-offering. Mrs. Lyle McGlashan, Presbyterial Girls' Organizations Secretary, conducted the affiliation service of the C.G.I.T. and the Evening Auxiliary. She spoke of the importance of mission work in Japan and commended the current mission study to both departments. There is an immediate need, she said, of encouraging the small groups of Christians to reestablish their churches. Mrs. Bell gave an address on the International Missionary Conference held in Columbus, Ohio, in 1948. Her talk helped her hearers to catch a wider vision of the missionary effort.

Mrs. M. Clifford was the guest speaker at the Easter Thank-offering meeting of Robertson and Vancouver Heights Auxiliaries, Vancouver. Her theme was ''Faith''. She brought a challenging message stressing our individual responsibility as members of the Christian Church and of the Women's Missionary Society.

ALBERTA

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Banff, Press Secretary

EDMONTON Presbyterial — A very interesting and successful meeting of the Presbyterial Executive was held recently in First Church, Edmonton. Mrs. Kelman, the President, stressed the need for each member of the Executive to set apart a special time each day to pray that qualified leaders be found for the different departments of the Church. It was announced that two senior girls will have their expenses paid at Camp Kannawin this summer. Mrs. J. C. McTavish and Miss Muldoon were presented with gifts in recognition of their faithful service to the Presbyterial.

Edmonton—At the May meeting of the Strathcona Auxiliary, Miss A. Read, Regional Secretary, announced the dates of the women's camps at Sylvan Lake. She spoke of the W.M.S. van soon to be operated in Alberta and introduced Miss Annabelle Stewart, student deaconess who is to work with her in Northern Alberta. Mrs. J. Price, Presbyterial Children's Secretary described her visit to the Presbyterian Children's Centre in Vancouver and to Mission Band and Explorer groups at the Chinese Centre.

Rev. W. L. Clow was the speaker at a recent meeting of the First Church Auxiliary. He lauded the members of the W.M.S. for their untiring efforts in keeping firm the foundation which supports the Church. He stressed the responsibility each of us has in proclaiming the Gospel.

Macleod Presbyterial—The Macleod Presbyterial met in St. Andrew's Church, Lethbridge. Miss Marjorie Mackay, deaconess at Lethbridge, spoke about her work among the children at Victoria Park where she has organized a Sunday School. Miss Athalie Read gave an address on the theme "Advance". She made a plea for more prayer among the members of the W.M.S. She also stressed the need for medical workers in India and that more students in India should be brought to this country for education. Mrs. G. Metcalfe, Synodical President, installed the officers.

Medicine Hat—A very important meeting was held in St. John's Church, Medicine Hat when the congratulations of the Senior Auxiliary were extended to members of the Y.W.A. who have recently become an Evening Auxiliary under the name, The Isabel Taylor Group. Mrs. G. G. Elder led the special service.

Carstairs—The meeting of Carstairs Auxiliary was held recently to hear Miss Athalie Read tell of her work in Alberta. She stressed the need for more workers, for greater interest in the Advance programme of our Society. Mrs. J. Puzey, Presbyterial Children's Secretary, was present at the meeting. She visited the Carstairs Mission Band. It has a membership of 22, more than half of which are pre-school age.

Rocky Mountain House—An impressive service was held in Memorial Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mountain House when the C.G.I.T. group affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society. The mothers of the girls and the members of the local auxiliary were special guests. Mrs. J. McPhee, Presbyterial Girls' Organizations Secretary, was present and spoke briefly on the work of the Society. Others taking part in the service were: Mrs. E. Day, President of Rocky Mountain House Auxiliary; Mrs. J. Heron, leader and Miss Jean Hansen, president, of the C.G.I.T. group. World Friendship Badges were presented by Mrs. Day to the eleven girls who had completed this year's study on Japan. Many interesting articles from Japan were on display. At the close of the meeting, the girls served refreshments—Japanese style.

SASKATCHEWAN

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MOOSE Jaw Presbyterial—**Weyburn**—The newly organized C.G.I.T. group in Weyburn held a very successful home-cooking sale recently, to raise funds to send a number of the girls to the Presbyterian Church Camp.

Prince Albert Presbyterial — Melfort—The Cameron Mission Band held an Easter tea for the ladies of the church. Personal invitation cards made by the children were sent to each woman belonging to the church. The boys and girls served the tables and entertained the guests. They were assisted by the members of the Auxiliary.

Prince Albert—Members of the Christina Mills Young Women's Auxiliary were hostesses to the Lucy Baker Auxiliary at their Easter meeting. Mrs. M. E. Sinkiewicz of Meath Park, Presbyterial Young Women's Secretary, was the speaker. Her theme was ''First Things First.''

Tisdale—The senior Auxiliary members were guests of the Elena MacKay Evening Auxiliary at their spring Thank-offering. Mrs. Bob Johnston was the speaker. In her address she spoke of the women of the Old Testament, imagining them filling the different offices of the missionary society. Then she spoke of the characteristics of present day women who are responsible for helping in the task of ''Winning the World for Christ''.

Regina Presbyterial—Regina—Dr. K. A. Yonge, psychiatrist at Regina General Hospital, was the speaker at the Easter Thank-offering of the Women's Federation of First Church, Regina. He spoke on the needs of the human personality. He claimed that two-thirds of the illnesses to-day are from emotional disturbances and that it is a responsibility to show the unhappy person how the Gospel of Christ can meet their needs. These needs were divided into three parts; the first is for love, the second for accomplishment, the third for security. The love of God, service for Him, and a knowledge of His care is the answer to all three needs.

Saskatoon Presbyterial—Saskatoon—The Dr. James Robertson Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church held their Spring Thank-offering meeting at the home of Miss J. E. Walls. The devotional period, conducted by Mrs. J. H. Cameron, presented a vivid and reverent picture of the Resurrection morning. A comprehensive report of the Synodical meeting, held in Regina at the end of March, was given by the delegate, Mrs. E. Barager. The speaker made special mention of the inspiring messages of the devotional periods on the theme of the meeting ''Our Life—To Learn, To Love, To Labour, To Live'', and the special address delivered at the evening session by Reverend Wallace MacKinnon of Knox Church, Moose Jaw. Miss Isabel Scott, secretary to the Superintendent of Western Missions, spoke briefly on some of the highlights of progress in the missionary programme of The Presbyterian Church in Western Canada. She referred to illustrations of mission field charges being raised to self-sustaining status, a newly organized Mission to the French speaking people in St. Boniface, Manitoba, work among the Hungarians in southern Alberta, the opening of the Bible Training School at Medicine Hat, Alberta, and the opportunities opening up in the northern areas of the western provinces.

MANITOBA

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Fort William, Press Secretary

BRANDON Presbyterial—The Easter Thank-offering of First Church, Brandon, was held in the church parlors with a good attendance. Mrs. R. A. Hamlin presided. The speaker Reverend W. E. Williams spoke on the text ''Yet a little while and the world seeth me no more but ye see me because I live ye shall live also''. He said that the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ was the fortress of our faith.

Monday, April 24th, was missionary day in Knox Church when Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary, spent the day in Carberry. In the afternoon the Auxiliary held their Thank-offering and Miss Walker was the speaker. She made a résumé of the three-year Advance programme. Mrs. R. J. Hood, presided. Following this meeting all were invited to stay for the Mission Band meeting under the leadership of Mrs. Charles Johnston. Miss Grace Barron, student deaconess, said a few words to the children. In the evening Miss Walker met with Group One of the Women's Association. This group decided to affiliate with the Women's Missionary Society and will be known as the Ruby Walker Young Women's Auxiliary.

Elphinstone—On Sunday May 8th the Auxiliary held their Easter Thank-offering in conjunction with the evening service. Mrs. J. Marnoch presided. Mrs. J. McLeod, Presbyterial President, spoke of the sectional meetings to be held in Wellwood and Hartney and urged all to attend the one nearest to them. Miss Walker was the special speaker. She spoke of the work being carried on by our Church and Women's Missionary Society both on overseas and home fields, mentioning in particular the work among the Chinese in Canada. She also spoke of the three-year Advance programme and the need for the loyal support of every member. In closing Miss Walker said it was our privilege and duty if we cannot go ourselves to support others.

Superior Presbyterial — Mrs. George Stirrett presided over a well attended meeting of the Presbyterial Executive. The devotions were led by Mrs. A Grant and Mrs. W. S. Nairn. Mrs. LeCocq, Synodical President, gave a very interesting report of the deaconess graduation ceremony which she had attended in Toronto. Although only two girls had graduated their academic standing and qualifications were exceptionally high.

Fort William — On April 20th the Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, had a well attended Thank-offering meeting in the church hall. The minister, Rev. A. H. Johnston, brought the Easter message. Mrs. A. H. McKague gave a very fine literature review.

Port Arthur—On April 26th the joint Easter Thank-offering meeting of the Senior and Evening Auxiliaries of First Church was held in the church hall with a good attendance of members and friends. Mrs. A. Grant, president of the senior auxiliary presided and the devotions were taken by Mrs. Olsen, president of the Evening Auxiliary. Reverend J. A. McMahon led in prayer.

Miss Smellie had a display of literature and briefly and concisely reviewed one or two books. The guest speaker was Reverend John Bell of the China Inland Mission. He showed the coloured film ''Hope for China''.

Selkirk—Mrs. F. A. Gemmel of Winnipeg was the guest speaker at the Easter Thank-offering meeting of Selkirk Auxiliary on April 12th. Mrs. Gemmel, in her usual interesting way, brought us the highlights of the Synodical meeting which was held in Fort William.

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Wingham — The "Meaning of the Cross" was the theme of Mrs. John Pollock's address at the Easter Thank-offering of St. Andrew's Auxiliary. The Presbyterial Mission Band Rally was held in St. Andrew's Church in April and proved to be one of the most inspiring and enthusiastic ever held in the district. Mrs. Farrish Moffat presided.

Paris Presbyterial — Woodstock — Parents, friends and members of the Auxiliary were guests when the C.G.I.T. of Knox Church affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society at a most inspiring service held in the church. A Japanese Festival dramatized from the mission study book was enjoyed by the guests.

Brantford—Mrs. K. C. Doka, wife of a Knox College graduate, gave an interesting talk on the Hungarian community of Bekevar, Saskatchewan, at a meeting of Knox Auxiliary.

Sarnia Presbyterial — Forest—Reverend T. O. Hughes, Ridgetown, was guest speaker at the Auxiliary Easter Thank-offering meeting held in St. James Church. His address was based on the text: "Lo, I am with you alway". This is the promise of the eternal presence of God.

Stratford Presbyterial — Stratford — St. Andrew's Church C.G.I.T. held their re-affiliation service, meeting with the Emily Garden Auxiliary. A donation of money was made to the Women's Missionary Society.

The Mission Band of Knox Church, held a special open meeting recently when Reverend Gordon Chambers, missionary on furlough, delighted the children with stories about his work in Africa.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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ALGOMA Presbyterial — **Sault Ste. Marie**—At the quarterly executive meeting of the Presbyterial very encouraging reports were received from the various secretaries. Mrs. J. Quinn reported the Ladies' Aid of Westminster Church had donated $10.00 to the C.G.I.T. of that church for supplies.

At a joint Thank-offering meeting of the Mavis Reoch and McKay Auxiliaries of St. Paul's Church, Reverend C. W. Quinn brought a most inspiring address on "Presbyterianism in British Guiana".

At their Easter Thank-offering meeting the members of Grace Stone Auxiliary of Westminster Church heard a very interesting paper on Japan prepared by Mrs. Arthur Downing.

North Bay Presbyterial — Burk's Falls—The annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in Burk's Falls on May 11th. Delegates were present from North Bay, Sudbury, Parry Sound, Magnetawan and Burk's Falls. A very comprehensive report of the Synodical meeting at Belleville was given by Mrs. D. F. Tilly, Sudbury. Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary, was the guest speaker. Miss Macarthur reviewed briefly the work on the overseas and home fields, the three-year Advance programme of the Society, and also her work with Miss Athalie Read in the Peace River District conducting Vacation Bible Schools. Miss Macarthur installed the officers for the coming year.

Peterborough Presbyterial — Port Hope—The semi-annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in St. Paul's Church, Port Hope, on Tuesday, May **16th. Mrs. Toombs** of Campbellford was the speaker. She told the story of her work in India where she and her husband, Reverend A. E. Toombs, served as missionaries for some years.

Temiskaming Presbyterial — New Liskeard — Miss Lily Macarthur was the speaker at the 38th annual meeting of the Presbyterial held in St. Andrew's Church, New Liskeard, on May 9th. Miss Macarthur expressed her satisfaction over the number of young members present, and stated that this proved the interest taken in the missionary cause. She told of her experiences in conducting vacation schools in the Peace River District and other points in the West. She also told of the great desire shown by both children and parents to hear the Gospel Message. Miss Macarthur described the new missionary vans which have been recently bought and equipped for work in Western Canada. Mrs. E. J. Kerr of New Liskeard, Presbyterial President, for the past three years presided over the sessions. She reported on the Synodical meeting held in Belleville. Reverend H. Herbison of Englehart spoke at the evening session. He reminded the members that once the missionary spirit is absent from any church it cannot prosper. He congratulated the Presbyterial on the work they have accomplished.

Toronto West Presbyterial—Oakville—On April 14th the Auxiliary of Knox Church, Oakville, held the spring Thankoffering meeting in the Church. This was an open meeting and was addressed by the Reverend Allan Reoch of China and Manchuria, who gave a very enlightening and instructive address on conditions in China. Reverend C. K. Nicoll conducted the service.

Nashville—On Good Friday evening fifteen members of Nashville Evening Auxiliary led in a service of worship telling the Easter story in Scripture, song and picture. The climax of the service was the showing of coloured slides entitled ''Christ is Risen''.

Toronto—Reverend Allan Reoch, recently returned from China, was guest speaker at the Sloan Auxiliary, Parkdale Church. He gave a most interesting account of his work there with the various relief societies.

Toronto East Presbyterial — Toronto—Former members of the Rochester Auxiliary of Calvin Church, extended a farewell supper to Mrs. Rochester on May 25th before her departure for Montreal. Mrs. Rochester will be greatly missed by all her old friends.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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BROCKVILLE Presbyterial—**Prescott**—The Presbyterial held its annual rally in St. Andrew's Church, Prescott, on Tuesday, May 9th. The president, Mrs. E. Larsen, presided.

The theme ''Faith'', was carried throughout the meeting. Mrs. McLalland, Brockville, was appointed Historian and Mrs. C. R. Robinson, Winchester, Press Secretary. Reverend H. Huestin, Moderator of Presbytery, brought greetings and a short message.

Mrs. Gordon Blow introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Gordon Wallace, Children's Secretary, Council Executive, who spoke on ''The purpose and aim of Children's Work.'' Mrs. Wallace urged closer relations between our groups and the home and spoke of the need for more trained leaders. The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Earl Munroe, gave a very concise report of all Auxiliaries. The Reverend B. S. Black of Prescott, closed the meeting with prayer.

Montreal Presbyterial held a Rally in May with Mrs. R. M. McCleery presiding, at which Miss Lily Simpson, missionary on furlough from India, was the guest speaker. Miss Simpson spoke of the work of our missionaries on the India fields, and the complications that the freedom and division of India have caused in the work. She described the work done by the Landour Community Hospital. A reception was held for Miss Simpson at the close of the meeting.

Athelstan Auxiliary held an Easter Thank-offering meeting in April following the programme outlined in *Glad Tidings.* Mrs. H. G. Grace was the speaker and her subject was: ''The Message of Easter and the Risen Christ.''

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Paris Presbyterial — Woodstock — Parents, friends and members of the Auxiliary were guests when the C.G.I.T. of Knox Church affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society at a most inspiring service held in the church. A Japanese Festival dramatized from the mission study book was enjoyed by the guests.

Brantford—Mrs. K. C. Doka, wife of a Knox College graduate, gave an interesting talk on the Hungarian community of Bekevar, Saskatchewan, at a meeting of Knox Auxiliary.

Sarnia Presbyterial — Forest—Reverend T. O. Hughes, Ridgetown, was guest speaker at the Auxiliary Easter Thank-offering meeting held in St. James Church. His address was based on the text: "Lo, I am with you alway". This is the promise of the eternal presence of God.

Stratford Presbyterial — Stratford — St. Andrew's Church C.G.I.T. held their re-affiliation service, meeting with the Emily Garden Auxiliary. A donation of money was made to the Women's Missionary Society.

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At a joint Thank-offering meeting of the Mavis Reoch and McKay Auxiliaries of St. Paul's Church, Reverend C. W. Quinn brought a most inspiring address on "Presbyterianism in British Guiana".

At their Easter Thank-offering meeting the members of Grace Stone Auxiliary of Westminster Church heard a very interesting paper on Japan prepared by Mrs. Arthur Downing.

North Bay Presbyterial — Burk's Falls—The annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in Burk's Falls on May 11th. Delegates were present from North Bay, Sudbury, Parry Sound, Magnetawan and Burk's Falls. A very comprehensive report of the Synodical meeting at Belleville was given by Mrs. D. F. Tilly, Sudbury. Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary, was the guest speaker. Miss Macarthur reviewed briefly the work on th
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Toronto East Presbyterial — Toronto—Former members of the Rochester Auxiliary of Calvin Church, extended a farewell supper to Mrs. Rochester on May 25th before her departure for Montreal. Mrs. Rochester will be greatly missed by all her old friends.

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The theme "Faith", was carried throughout the meeting. Mrs. McLalland, Brockville, was appointed Historian and Mrs. C. R. Robinson, Winchester, Press Secretary. Reverend H. Huestin, Moderator of Presbytery, brought greetings and a short message.

Mrs. Gordon Blow introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Gordon Wallace, Children's Secretary, Council Executive, who spoke on "The purpose and aim of Children's Work." Mrs. Wallace urged closer relations between our groups and the home and spoke of the need for more trained leaders. The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Earl Munroe, gave a very concise report of all Auxiliaries. The Reverend B. S. Black of Prescott, closed the meeting with prayer.

Montreal Presbyterial held a Rally in May with Mrs. R. M. McCleery presiding, at which Miss Lily Simpson, missionary on furlough from India, was the guest speaker. Miss Simpson spoke of the work of our missionaries on the India fields, and the complications that the freedom and division of India have caused in the work. She described the work done by the Landour Community Hospital. A reception was held for Miss Simpson at the close of the meeting.

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Council Meeting 1950

As has already been announced the Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society is to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, Ontario, September 25th to 29th. The opening session is at 7.30 o'clock on Monday evening and the Service of Worship is to be conducted by Rev. F. Scott Mackenzie, D.D., Moderator of General Assembly. On the following days the hours are 10.00, 2.00 and 8.30. The morning meditations on the four succeeding days will be conducted by the Rev. K. G. McMillan, B.D., minister of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph. All sessions are open to anyone interested and it is urged that the members of the Society and others attend as many sessions as possible.

Mrs. A. W. Pae, President of the W.M.S. (W.D.) will preside at the 86th Council Meeting.

Wednesday and Thursday evenings are of special interest to the public, when on Wednesday the Rev. G. Deane Johnston, Chairman of the Board of Missions, will present the Church's task in Canada and on Thursday when the Church's task overseas will be presented by Miss Laura K. Pelton and Dr. David W. Hay of Knox College.

Further information about the Meeting will be found on the Auxiliary page of this issue. If you wish to remind yourself of the railway arrangements, look back to page 276 of the July-August edition.

—*(Mrs. W. A.) Beatrice McLennan,*
Corresponding Secretary.

The Glad Tidings Celebrates an Anniversary Year

BY HELEN M. MACKINTOSH, M.A.

THE June issue of *The Glad Tidings* marked the end of the magazine's twenty-fifth year as the official organ of the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. It was in the summer of 1925 that the Society's new missionary magazine first appeared, with a July-August number bearing the name, *The Glad Tidings.*

It was then sixty-one years since the formation of the oldest of the three societies that came together in 1914 as the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, and forty-nine years since the beginning of what was to be the first missionary magazine of our Western Division. As this year we recall the union of 1875 that brought into being The Presbyterian Church in Canada, we remember, too, that the following year was formed the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and that from it came that first missionary publication. Immediately the new Society's Executive took steps to secure ''direct missionary intelligence from the foreign field.'' The first letters received were sent out to branches, then copies made by Board members, and, after the purchase of a ''writing machine'', copies of a letter leaflet, ''a double sheet of typewritten letters'' circulated among the Auxiliaries. Then came the printed letter leaflet, growing gradually from 8 to 25 pages, the subscription rate, twelve cents. In 1897 this *Monthly Letter Leaflet,* larger and more attractive in appearance, became *The Foreign Missionary Tidings.* As the Society grew and its work extended, the magazine improved and subscribers increased, until in 1914 it had a circulation of 27,000.

In the meantime, *The Home Mission Pioneer* had appeared, as the organ of the Women's Home Missionary Society, which had been formed in 1903 to help with the Church's new work in Western Canada. In the Women's Missionary Society (Home, French and Foreign), organized in 1864 as the Montreal Woman's Missionary Society, a missionary leaflet was seriously considered in 1888, but only in 1904 did the Society decide to publish an official organ, which appeared as the *Woman's Missionary Outlook.*

With the amalgamation in 1914 of these three societies to form the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, the three magazines were replaced by the *Missionary Messenger.* Mrs. John MacGillivray, who had edited the *Foreign Missionary Tidings* since 1898, continued as Editor until 1920, when she became president; Miss M. C. G. Fraser, associate editor, then became editor. In 1924, the sixtieth anniversary of the formation of the first Society, the magazine had a circulation of 42,843.

In 1925, with the division in our Canadian Presbyterian Church, the re-organized Women's Missionary Society had to have a new official publication. The Provisional Board (of Executive members remaining Presbyterian), recognizing that provision must be made for a magazine, announced in a leaflet of information and instructions that one would be published and subscriptions could be sent to Miss I. S. Pringle. In the meantime, the Presbyterian Church Association was issuing the *Bulletin,* with news concerning the Presbyterian Church, which included women's missionary news. Miss Fraser was authorized "to go into the matter of the size, price and registration of a new publication", and to ask, through the *Bulletin,* of which she was associate editor, for suggestions as to a suitable name for it.

Mailing the "Foreign Missionary Tidings"

On June 12th, 1925, at the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society, it was agreed to publish a 16-page magazine, to be called *The Glad Tidings,* the name submitted by a member of the Sloan Auxiliary of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, Toronto. Miss Fraser was appointed editor. Already 6,224 subscriptions had been received and the Women's Missionary Society number of the *Bulletin* had been sent out to all subscribers to the magazine. Fortunate, indeed, was the Society to have as editor one with Miss Fraser's ability and experience in editorial work, with the *Home Mission Pioneer,* the *Missionary Messenger,* and, for a time, the *Bulletin.*

The purpose of *The Glad Tidings,* as of earlier publications, has always been to spread missionary intelligence at a minimum cost. From its modest beginning, it advanced steadily—in six months it had doubled in size, and by the end of 1926 there were 19,000 subscribers. Later, wider circulation made possible a larger magazine (forty pages) and a more attractive ''set-up''. At the end of 1929 the white cover was replaced by one of better quality paper in buff and brown, and the next year, when 22,591 subscribers were reported, further changes were made —''larger initials, more effective headings, and a general use of illustrations''—that would do much to commend it as the official organ of the Society. ''But'', Miss Fraser added in her report, ''we were told that increase in popularity was due to the excellence of the subject matter.''

A more difficult time followed during the years of depression, but the changes made in the interests of economy—the simpler white cover, the cheaper grades of paper and the fewer cuts—did not affect the real worth of the magazine. Until her death, in February 1935, Miss Fraser continued to devote herself to *The Glad Tidings,* ever seeking to increase its value as a missionary magazine. Paying tribute to her work at the service of remembrance, Mrs. Strachan spoke of ''the effort she put into *The Glad Tidings* to increase its size and its circulation and make it worthy of what she believed to be a great Church and a great Society, till now it is a magazine we think any Church or Society would be proud of.''

For six months following Miss Fraser's death Mrs. John D. Holman was acting editor, until the writer of this article took over the duties of editor in September 1935. When a marked increase in the number of subscribers the next year made some improvement possible, the most urgent need seemed more space, and four pages were added to the magazine, beginning with the April 1937 issue. Then, with a view to making the Society's magazine more acceptable, other changes were made in the ''set up'', with the introduction of more illustrations and, most important, the use of larger type. Of the new problems that arose during the war years some were due to the rising cost of publication. This became increasingly serious, until in 1946 it was necessary to raise the subscription rate from the original 35 and 50 cents to 50 and 60 cents and in 1949, to 75 cents and $1.00.

After thirteen years as editor the writer resigned, leaving *The Glad Tidings* in September 1948. Miss Mary Whale was then appointed editor, to begin work in January 1949.

Through its twenty-five years *The Glad Tidings* has had the same purpose—to spread missionary intelligence, especially among the women of our Church. Through it, as the Society's magazine, it has always been of first importance to send out information, as full and as up-to-date as possible, about the missionaries and their work, in Canada and overseas, and about other missionary work of our Church, as well as news of the Society itself. No missionary magazine, however, would be fulfilling its purpose, if it paid no attention to the larger field of ''world missions''—without some knowledge of that even one's own work cannot be fully understood, or the co-operative work that has been undertaken by the Churches, as the growth of the spirit of Christian unity has brought them together. Needless to say, a magazine such as ours cannot give more than a glimpse of this wider field, while keeping its readers informed of the particular work for which we are responsible; but what it can give may be readily supplemented from other sources of missionary information.

Missionary information, however, is of value only in so far as it reaches the people, adding to their knowledge and deepening their understanding of the missionary work for which they share responsibility. In her first report, for 1925-6, Miss Parsons as Publications Secretary appealed to the members for help in bringing the number of subscribers to *The Glad Tidings* to 25,000. Twenty-five years later that goal has still not been reached. Considering the number of women in our Presbyterian Church from Quebec to British Columbia, one may well ask, ''why not?''

Dr. W. A. Visser 'T Hooft, General Secretary, World Council of Churches, spoke on *Christian Education in the Contemporary World,* at the World Convention of Christian Education. The following is a quotation from this speech:

. . . ''I would mention the prevalence in to-day's world—particularly in the West of the 'religion of success and decency'. This outlook presumes that any faith is all right as long as it works and that it doesn't matter what you believe as long as you are a decent fellow.

This is the religion of the man on the street in the West. It makes him impotent to deal with the vital problems of to-day's world. And this religion of 'success and decency' has penetrated even into our western churches.

But the objective of Christian education is not to help young people achieve success in life. I wish we had more saintly failures, instead of so many success stories, many of which prove that we have not even begun to take the cross and the loneliness of Christ seriously. We must learn to distinguish again between the Church and the world.

The advantage of the persecuted and fighting churches is that they know where the line must be drawn. In our western churches of the so-called Christian world, we must develop a sixth sense to make us aware of that difference—which we can only derive from the Gospel. Only then will the western world again be able to present a message of hope.''

A Three-Cornered Contest

BY REVEREND WM. BARCLAY, D.D.

IT is a goodly sight when three men prove to be almost vying with one another as to who shall show the most generous spirit. That is why it were a pity to let the shortness of St. Paul's Epistle of Philemon lead to its being passed over, for the writer of it, with the man to whom it was written and the man about whom it was written, all show up in a most gracious light. To Paul, enduring his first imprisonment at Rome, has come a runaway slave. This refugee is led to accept Christianity by Paul, who discovers a great attachment for him. But finding that he is the property of Philemon, a high official of the Colossian Church, to whom Paul is also deeply attached, he sends him back to his owner with this letter, urging his pardon and indicating more than a hope that Philemon will, of his own free will, make it possible for his former slave to return and continue those helpful personal attentions, of which Paul had been receiving the benefit since he had won him into the fold of the Christian Faith.

That in brief is what is set forth in this short letter of twenty-five verses. But a letter like this bears on the face of it a standing invitation, not only to read between the lines but also to read behind the lines. There is the material for a most engrossing historical novel here. Indeed it would not be surprising to find by and by that this letter has provided all the essentials, in dramatic episode and spectacular appeal, which go to the making of a popular moving-picture. Think how vividly, and with what human interest, these three characters concerned in the purpose of this letter stand out.

First, there is the writer, Paul. When we discuss the way in which great changes of character take place in a man, we readily think of him. That the man who was so strictly brought up in the narrow exclusive ideas of the Pharisees that his zeal for the persecution of the upholders of the Christian Faith came to outrun that of all others, should voluntarily and with great gladness of heart become one of that band which he had despised, and rise very soon to be as zealous a leader in their midst as he had been among their persecutors, is surely as dramatic a change in character and outlook as history can show. That is why we all know the story of the Damascus Way so well. That is why St. Paul himself three times over in the New Testament is found recounting its vivid details. ''I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision,'' he said; and he proved this up to the hilt, through a thousand hardships, as he fulfilled the duties of his apostleship. He was proving it as he strove, though a prisoner at Rome, to continue his teaching and preaching work. And was he not proving it by the whole tone and matter of this letter? Listen! He is speaking of Onesimus, the converted slave, ''whom I would have retained with me, that in thy (Philemon's) stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the Gospel: but without thy mind would I do nothing: that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.'' This was not the old Pharisaic manner, which was wont to carry things with a high hand. This is the essence of gentlemanliness, if a gentleman is truly described as, ''a man who will not set his right against other people's feelings, nor his feelings against other people's rights.''

Now, second, and affording scarce less human interest as an instance of radical change of soul, take the man about whom the letter was written, Onesimus, the runaway slave. With what the letter suggests regarding him, and what we can learn about slaves of his nationality, we can safely rate his case as one of the triumphs of Christianity. Paul says, ''If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account.'' There is a hint here of defalcations with his master's property, which may have been the cause of his flight, or have been intended to pay his way after the flight. Then he came under the influence of Paul, his master's friend. He learned to put his abilities to the right use, and gave himself to a service that transforms the wishes of a man's heart, with the result that Paul, though not friendless in Rome as the names mentioned at the close of his letter indicate, found him to be so ''profitable'' that he desired his continued companionship. So Onesimus stands in the Bible record as ''a brand plucked from the burning'', and as a clear proof that the criminal mind may be the fine brain that has failed to have its powers attracted in the right and proper direction.

Third, there is the man to whom the letter was written, Philemon. It is in his case that the call is strongest to read behind the lines. We may hazard the conjecture, with some confidence, that he was a man of some wealth and of good social standing. He seemed to possess a large house. It was used as a meeting-place for the Christians, to whom his hospitality was noteworthy. All things considered, the probability is that he was won for Christ by Paul during his eighteen months at Ephesus. If Apphia and Archippus, to whom Paul sends greetings, were his wife and son, this seems a case of a whole family being loyal members of the Church: and if Paul, in speaking of ''the Church in thy house'', is denoting this as the chief meeting-place, Philemon may well have been the Bishop of the Colossian Church. Besides there is an early tradition at Colosse that he with Apphia, Archippus and Onesimus were singled out to be put to death by stoning, in the persecutions of Nero's time. Conjecture aside, however, this letter itself shows us in Philemon a man of considerable station, rich in good works, for whom Paul thanks God, and from whom he expects acquiescence in his request that the terrible penalties, which a master could visit on a runaway slave, should be foregone and in their place kindness and brotherhood instituted: so that we may claim in Philemon another great fruit of the Christian Faith.

Is it not permissible then to call this letter an account of a three-cornered contest in Christian pre-eminence? One wonders whether to marvel most at the bold faith of Paul, or the changed fate of Onesimus, or the generous devotion of Philemon. The letter is almost a rival to the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians, as a paean of praise to the worth of Christian character. No wonder the Church grew so mightily in numbers when men like these were found in its ranks.

Now there is a petition one sometimes uses in prayer, to the effect that God may forgive those who believe that the Gospel has lost the dew of its youth. Must we turn back always to the first centuries for great signs of Christianity in action? Were these, and these alone, the halcyon days? Take this as one of endless answers to the contrary. When David Livingstone was preparing for mission work in China, he heard Moffat of South Africa describe how, at his African quarters, he could see in the morning sun the smoke of a thousand villages to which Christianity had not yet come. That turned Livingstone's thoughts from China to Africa, with what results his story so richly reveals. The Gospel in Action is shown on every page. And those who follow where he and such as he trod, the ambassadors of the Cross in a multitude of fields, including our own missionaries of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, who surely have a special place in our hearts and prayers in this year of recollection and rededication, assure us that God's Word is still mighty to save. Should we not all be eager to strengthen their hands?

O GOD, whose goodness and mercy, generation by generation, are without limit, cause Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, to rest upon the efforts of all Christian people for the spiritual welfare of mankind. Accompany with Thy Holy Spirit the preaching of the Gospel and the religious instruction of the young and the ignorant. Sustain and protect our missionaries to the heathen world; and prosper their endeavours to reveal and establish the Kingdom of Christ among the nations of the earth. For His sake we ask it. Amen.

EDITORIAL

September, 1950

Some time ago we announced that this issue would be a special number for this historic year of our Church. With that thought in mind, we sought information on the missionary beginnings by the women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada through the past three quarters of a century. From all parts of Canada, have come stories of beginnings and stories of the way in which our predecessors have carried the work of the missions in dark days and in bright. It is our pleasure to pass on to you as much of that story as we could. We hope that these incidents and facts here recorded may be to you as they have been to us, the unfolding of a splendid saga of achievement. We hope that you may read between the lines, that you may see, not just the bare facts as they appear in this cold unemotional medium of expression, but that they may appear before you a lively memory of those women who laid the foundation of our Society. Very few of their names appear in this story of their work. Space would not allow that, but we believe that as you read of the work from the Atlantic to the Pacific that the names you know and love, will shine out from the lines that here appear, that as you pay a silent tribute to their memory, you will thank God that He gave them the courage, the perseverance and the love which made their lives possible.

This issue is the work of a number of women across our nation. It is the result of planning and of work which was done by the Synodical Press Secretaries in co-operation with members of Synodical Executives and with Synodical Historians. We know that those who have made this issue possible would have us say to you that it is our hope and prayer that this brief remembrance of days that have gone may be a deep and lasting inspiration for the accomplishments of the tasks that lie ahead.

Canadian Church Relief Abroad

It is desired that the project of collecting, packing and shipping used clothing abroad should be terminated as soon as possible. This has been a very successful co-operative inter-Church undertaking. Over five hundred tons of clothing have been received and almost four hundred and sixty tons have been shipped abroad. For the operating and shipping costs we have received almost $84,000.00. We still have forty to fifty tons to be packed and shipped.

We ask now, that no further shipments of clothing be sent to the depot of the Canadian Church Relief Abroad.

"Go Ye . . . And Teach All Nations"

BY MRS. ROD MACDONALD, BLUEBERRY MOUNTAIN, ALBERTA

WHEN my husband asked me, in 1934, if I would be willing to leave our Saskatchewan home, and go to his homestead in the Peace River, I instantly thought, how wonderful to make a home away among the spruce trees, where there would be no meetings to attend.

I was then President of the Whitewood Auxiliary, eleven and a half miles away. Driving with horse and buggy or cutter that round trip of twenty-three miles, sometimes at 90 degrees in the shade, sometimes at 25 degrees below zero and a Saskatchewan wind blowing, was not too easy.

I came to Blueberry Mountain and made our home. But I found that a lifetime member of the Missionary Society, cannot throw off the responsibility so easily, and as I thought of my Mother, who had been in the work in Toronto from its beginning, and had in 1886 organized the Brandon Presbyterial, I felt ashamed.

So, when the World Day of Prayer came I took *The Glad Tidings* and walked to my nearest neighbour's house, where she, her daughters and I, kept with the rest of the world our hour of prayer.

The next year nearly all the women of the settlement came to my house for the meeting and at the close we organized our Auxiliary. I am very proud of our young President, Mrs. Joseph Graham, who was in my Bible class in the Whitewood district. She has seven little children, four of whom are under school age, but is never too busy to faithfully discharge her duties. When her husband is away, she hitches up the

A group at Blueberry Mountain, Mrs. R. Macdonald second from left, Mr. Macdonald on right.

team, tucks her little ones on the seat beside her, and drives four miles to the meeting.

We are often advised of the good that may be accomplished by visiting other Auxiliaries, but our nearest Auxiliary neighbour for years was fifty-five miles distant. We now have one at Gordondale—a mere twenty-four miles off.

Our Peace River Presbyterial was organized last July. We are all looking forward to our first annual meeting which will take place when Presbytery meets in July. This seems a late date for a meeting but it suits the women in the country best. Many of them will travel by car from one hundred to one hundred and fifty miles, leaving home very early and arriving back around two o'clock next morning.

During June and July our days are practically endless, only from twelve to two is it ever really dark. I have often put down my garden tools at eleven, not because it was too dark to see but because I thought I had done enough for one day.

This is a wonderful country with a wonderful future, but our Presbyterian fields are so far apart and the workers so few. It is not easy to be always very courageous.

We pray that the whole Church will see more clearly from now on the great need to come in and possess this northland for Christ.

''The Cross makes endurable the problem of suffering. Nothing can take away the problem. It burns in upon our minds as we look out on the world. None of us can altogether escape it. A full answer is not possible. The Cross gives us enough light to enable us to hold on. We are faced with the horrifying spectacle of nine million refugees in Germany, houseless and hopeless. But Jesus of Nazareth also had no place wherein to lay His head; the suffering of the homeless is not something of which He has no knowledge and in which He is unconcerned. When we think of the mock trials of recent years, when men have had to stand and hear their lives sworn away by false witnesses, or even to swear away their lives themselves, we might be inclined to think that God had forgotten His world, unless we remember that this is an experience which in Christ, He Himself has shared; to stand silent and alone borne down by the testimony of false witnesses, betrayed by His friend, forsaken by His companions, bidden Himself to pronounce the word that would secure His condemnation. This may not answer our problem; at least it brings alleviation to it. There are a great many Christians in the world to-day who have borne the extremity of human anguish. Ask them of their experience; they will tell you that in the darkest hour, the crucified and risen Christ stood by them, that no extremity of suffering went beyond the point at which He could uphold them, and that the last word was not with the suffering but with Him.''—Bishop Stephen Neill at the World Convention on Christian Education.

In The Beginning

A Brief Glimpse of the Beginnings of Women's Missionary Work in Canada

Eastern Division—Woman's Missionary Society

The Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces was established through the strong missionary spirit of the Presbyterian churches in the old land and the women of this new church were early aware of the duty and privilege of mission work, and in 1825 a Woman's Missionary Society was organized in Prince Edward Island.

In October, 1876, the Halifax Woman's Missionary Society of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, (Eastern Division) was organized. A Constitution was accepted and officers were elected with Mrs. R. F. Burns, Halifax as President. Some time later the name ''Halifax'' was omitted and the Society was known as the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. After the inclusion of a Home Missions programme in 1905 the name became the Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Society. In 1915 it was decided that the society should be known as the Woman's Missionary Society (E.D.). In 1926 the Golden Jubilee and ten years later the Diamond Jubilee were celebrated in Halifax. In 1949 the total membership was 3,239 and total receipts for all purposes amounted to $20,760.18. Miss Mabel Bannerman is Editor of the Society's magazine *The Presbyterian Message* which has grown out of the old magazine *The Message,* first published in Truro.

Montreal and Ottawa Synodical

In 1873 the Nesbitt sisters came from Montreal and organized in Brockville, a Society of twelve members, who met to pray and study the letters of missionaries, and in 1884 an Auxiliary was organized at Prescott, by Mrs. John Thorburn of Ottawa. In 1885 Mrs. Thorburn returned to organize the Brockville Presbyterial of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, in Prescott Church. The first Mission Band the ''Willing Workers'' was formed in this same Church the following year. The first Press report read: ''They meet for the winter in the homes from 7-9 in the evening. A look in upon them last week, showed a band of a dozen young girls busy as bees, making a variety of useful and ornamental articles for sale. Aprons are neatly made for great and small, for which they will take orders. Specimens may be seen at any of the meetings. The object is to raise funds for women's work for women in foreign lands. Thus turning some of their time and talent into the 'Lord's Treasury'.''

Lancaster was the first Auxiliary organized outside of Toronto, in the early years of the W.F.M.S. and a later report gives the name of Lancaster Presbyterial Society with eight Auxiliaries.

One of the first missionary societies in Canada was organized in 1864. This Ladies' Auxiliary Association was formed by a group of Montreal women, to assist the Church of Scotland in their French Mission Work. They secured the services of Madame Coté, to work as a Biblewoman among the French, and Miss McIntyre did similar work among the English.

One of the first Auxiliaries in Ottawa Presbyterial was organized at St. Andrew's Church, Aylmer East, Quebec, on April 22nd, 1888, by Miss Maggie Scott of Martintown, who, for her zeal in Church and missionary work, was known as ''Faith'' Scott. The first meeting was held on May 14th, under the guidance of Mrs. John Thorburn, who started the Auxiliary off ''in the way it should go''. The first president was Mrs. D. M. Gordon. The Ottawa Presbyterial Society was organized on May 3, 1887, by Mrs. John Thorburn. In 1890 Mrs. Thorburn organized the ''Scattered Helpers'', women, who because of home ties, could not attend the regular meetings—''that nothing may be lost''. These members are now ''Home Helpers'', and do an important work in our Organization.

The Diamond Jubilee of the Presbyterial was celebrated on October 23rd, 1947, when a Charter Member, Miss Mary Masson, gave the address.

Time and space permit only glimpses of the faithful and painstaking work done by officers and members alike through the years, and only when comparing the reports of the early days when conditions were so different, and the reports of to-day when modern facilities have made the world a smaller place, does one realize just the measure of the growth of our Society through the years, spiritually, and mentally. And while many names we would like to mention, stand out in the reports of all Presbyterials as having played an important part in the organization and leadership of our Women's Missionary Society, let us not forget the hundreds of names that never even got into the minutes of a meeting, or an Annual Report, whose owners by their work and quiet faithfulness to duty, made it possible for our Society to carry on, and of whom it could be said, ''she hath done what she could''.

Beginnings in Toronto and Kingston

In the year 1876 Presbyterian women in Toronto were summoned to a meeting to discuss the formation of a missionary society. On March 21st, 1876 the ''Women's Foreign Missionary Society'' was organized with Mrs. W. McLaren as President and Mrs. T. Ewart as Secretary.

A vision seen, a challenge and a command heard, and the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was born.

For the first few years the Society acted as an Auxiliary to the Foreign Mission Committee of the Church and merely financed some of their undertakings. In 1884 the W.F.M.S. sent Dr. Elizabeth Beatty, soon followed by Dr. Marion Oliver to open up medical work at the Mission already established at Indore, India. Dr. Margaret O'Hara opened up similar work at Dhar.

The Atlin Nurses' Committee, organized in 1898, in response to a plea from Reverend John Pringle, for Christian nurses to care for the sick miners during the Klondyke rush, was the beginning of the Women's Home Missionary Society. Miss Elizabeth Mitchell and Miss Helen Bone responded to the call and their errand of mercy was commenced in a small hut with sawdust floors and mud roof accommodating four cots. A tent set up beside the hut served for the overflow. The pillows were made from the packing that came around the cots and were filled with the hay in which their dishes were packed.

Then came the great immigration policy of the Government and the influx of people from the countries of Europe—what a challenge to the Church and an opportunity for service for the people of the Church! The Women's Home Missionary Society was launched, the work grew and the organization expanded to meet the need.

That all the women in the Church might have an opportunity to share in all the work, the two Societies along with the Women's Missionary Society, Montreal, came together in 1914 under the name "The Women's Missionary Society".

Following some years of discussion and planning, at the Council Meeting in 1946 it was decided that Synodical divisions be adopted throughout the Society. In 1947 this became an established fact.

The first meeting of the Synodical Society of Toronto and Kingston took place in Calvin Church, Toronto. Mrs. Wm. Hall was made President.

This past year saw Toronto Presbyterial divided into East and West, thus drawing more women into executive positions and we hope giving wider scope for service.

Throughout the Synodical, Auxiliaries are celebrating silver, golden and diamond jubilees. We look back on the service that has been rendered through the years, get a glimpse of the splendid structure our Council has erected on the foundation laid and look forward to a service of ever widening scope. We must ever press onward until the Gospel message has been carried to all peoples, and until in our own land

''He shall have dominion from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth''. Our motto still: ''The World for Christ''.

Hamilton and London Synodical

Reading the story of the beginning and growth of women's missionary work in the Synodical Society of Hamilton and London is like reading from the pages of the history of our country. It is to be remarked that the work of the Church and its organizations was one of the first things to be considered by our fathers who pioneered in this rich agricultural area. Not only was the Church a prime consideration but its maintenance and expansion were always part of the daily life of our people. Hardships of the early days did not daunt men and women whose faith in their Lord and their love for the Presbyterian branch of His Church made their sacrifice a joy. Let us look then at excerpts from the story of the early days as we, in imagination journey from Presbyterial to Presbyterial in Western Ontario.

Maitland is the first stop and we read from the annals of the historian there: Sixty years ago, there were no cars in Maitland Presbyterial and in many cases the people did not have buggies. Nevertheless, the women went to their meetings, walking along country roads that they might do their bit in service for the Master. The village of Teeswater boasts of having one of the earliest women's missionary auxiliaries. A Woman's Home Missions Society was formed here in 1878. The growth of a mission band is the story of South Kinloss, where a Band was organized in 1893. Six years later it became an auxiliary. It was a Gaelic settlement. Few women could speak English and Gaelic literature was hard to obtain. Fortunately, Mrs. Hugh MacKay could translate the missionary literature into Gaelic. Interest grew, clothing was gathered and sent to the Northwest to help the Indians and money was collected and and sent to the missionary work of the Church. August 26, 1881 is a red letter day in Maitland for on that day a mission group was formed in Kincardine by Reverend George and Mrs. Mackay of Formosa.

Our next stop is Stratford Presbyterial. We find that it came into being in 1884. Ninety members in five charter units: Harrington, Knox Stratford, Motherwell and Avonbank, Mitchell and South Nissouri, made the original membership. The leader was Mrs. D. Gordon, mother of Ralph Connor. The celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Presbyterial will long be remembered. Minds were stirred by the new realization of the way the Lord has led the Society through the first fifty years of its existence. A feeling of great gratitude prevailed, for the women who had handed down such a splendid missionary heritage. Stratford Presbyterial was honoured in having the first meeting of Hamilton and

London Synodical Society within its area. So we look forward to the days that are yet to be, to the joy of striving constantly to serve through the missionary movement.

Let us move now to look at beginnings in Huron Presbyterial. In 1877 mention was made of a group in Seaforth whose contributions were the second largest from Western Ontario, for missions. In 1907 in recognition of the number of Life Members secured by this group, it had the privilege of naming a cot in a hospital. The hospital chosen was in Grande Prairie, Alberta, and the cot was named "Seaforth". The auxiliary of Knox Church, Goderich, which was formed in 1885 is proud of its Canadian Girls In Training auxiliaries begun twenty years ago. There are now four groups affiliated with the W.M.S.

London Presbyterial is in a predominantly rural area. Through the years many staunch and faithful souls have settled within its boundaries and have given to the Church men and women who have been their living witness of their love for their Master. Reverend Jonathan Goforth, born and raised in South Nissouri is one of these. The name of the Honourable George Brown comes to mind when we remember his daughter, Mrs. Ball, the founder of Burns Mosa auxiliary and the first Presbyterial president. Ailsa Craig and Nairn are among the oldest auxiliaries.

In Sarnia Presbyterial, we learn that St. Andrew's Auxiliary in Sarnia was one of the first eighteen auxiliaries formed by the W.F.M.S. Sarnia Presbyterial came into being in 1888. A leaflet found by Mrs. Elizabeth Telfer in her mother's Bible, suggests that the E. Telfer auxiliary at Thedford was organized before 1888. . . . "At the close of a tea meeting and they celebrated by making candy".

Kent County and Chatham Presbyterial is our next port of call. In retrospect, we see the forward looking band of women who in April, 1885 gathered at Chatham's old Presbyterian Church to organize Chatham Presbyterial. We congratulate the ladies there on the celebration, this year of its sixty-fifth anniversary.

Among the earliest records of Hamilton Presbyterial, we read that in June, 1878, the annual meeting of the Hamilton Foreign Mission Board was held. Mrs. J. G. Mallock was in the chair and Principal, Reverend Mr. Grant conducted the opening exercises. On January 21, 1879, at 3 p.m., the first annual meeting of the W.F.M.S. was held in Central Presbyterian Church. The October meeting of that year records the introduction of Reverend John Wilkie and his young wife who shortly were to sail for India. A Supply Committee is mentioned in the old records. In 1883, a bale was sent to India and in June, a box was sent to the New Hebrides. In February following, a letter of thanks came from Mr. McKay of Round Lake, N.W.T. for a bale sent by Hamilton and Ancaster auxiliaries. Then came the Klondyke Gold Rush of 1898-1900 when the hardships and illnesses of many a tenderfoot, resulted in sending nurses to staff a new hospital. This in turn fostered the forming of the W.H.M.S. Hamilton Presbyterial was one of the first to take part in this movement.

History says that as early as 1852 a missionary society was formed in Woodstock in Paris Presbyterial. In 1886, the oldest mission band in the Presbyterial was organized in Knox Church, Woodstock. As far back as 1879, a missionary group started to function in Ingersoll. On June 5th, 1925, the North Oxford Auxiliary, Ingersoll was organized by Mrs. R. A. Paterson. In its relatively short history, this small rural auxiliary has raised over $6,000, has given over 40 Life Memberships and 12 Junior Certificates.

The circle of our travels through Hamilton and London Synodical takes us back north to Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial. Tara had one of the earliest auxiliaries in this district. It was formed in 1888 by Mrs. W. G. Hanna. In 1925 it was re-organized as the Hanna-Reith Auxiliary in honour of Mrs. Hanna and of Mrs. Peter Reith, two leaders who gave much to Bruce and Owen Sound. At its 40th anniversary, in 1928, Mrs. Hanna gave the address. At the 60th, Miss Louise Reith was the speaker. One of the members of the MacLennan Auxiliary, Tiverton, Miss Annie Dunlop, was present in Toronto, at the amalgamation of the W.F.M.S. and the W.H.M.S. As to the Presbyterial, the ranks of the Presbyterian women of the northern parts of Bruce and Grey counties were greatly depleted in 1925. Nevertheless, twelve faithful auxiliaries with a mind to work, met in Hanover in 1925 and Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial was born. Mrs. Peter Reith was the first president.

Our journey is over, but the memory of the spirit of the women who have made missionary work possible in this large Synodical, lives on. We think of them who did the work at home. We think too of those distinguished daughters who have gone forth in the name of the Women's Missionary Society from this district to serve the Lord with their whole lives.

Manitoba Synodical

The history of the Women's Missionary Society in the province of Manitoba dates back to 1884. It was then known as the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. On the 24th of October of that year a meeting was called in Knox Church at which Mrs. Campbell wife of Reverend J. Fraser Campbell one of the Canadian Presbyterian missionaries in Central India, spoke. She gave a very graphic picture of the work among women and children in that far-off land and the great need for more workers. It was then decided to form an auxiliary to the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Mrs. King, wife of Reverend Principal John M. King of Manitoba College was elected president. Although only a few months old, the first annual meeting was held in February of the following year in order to coincide with the annual meetings of auxiliaries in Ontario. The first report was presented and read as follows:

''The Winnipeg Auxiliary was organized October 24th, 1884, number of members, 25. Number of members paying $1.00 membership fee: 20. One life member. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month with a good attendance. Interest in the mission work increasing.

(Signed) *Mrs. J. M. King, President*
Mrs. Colin H. Campbell, Secretary.''

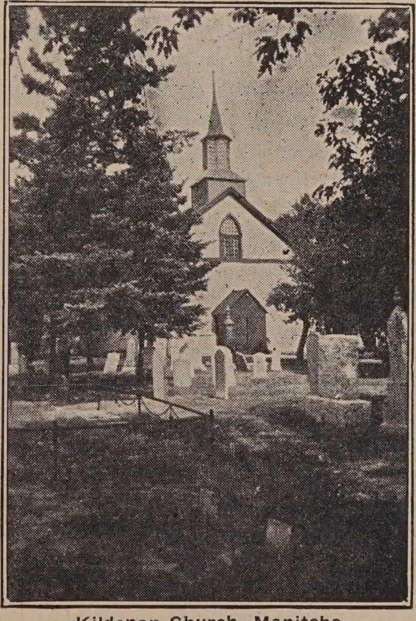
For several months afterwards, little progress was made, the second Riel rebellion breaking out in the spring of 1885 and all the women were busy preparing comforts for the troops leaving Winnipeg as well as for those passing through on their way to help quell the rebellion in the territory known as the Province of Saskatchewan. The work grew toward the end of the year and the second annual report shows a membership of 32 and a contribution of $100.00 This report speaks of the first ''supply'' work undertaken in the Province:

''Five sacks of clothing were sent to the Indians at Edmonton, one sack of clothing, one sack oatmeal and twenty-five gallons molasses to Reverend George Flett, Okanase Reserve, near Strathclair, Manitoba, three sacks clothing to File Hills Reserve, and yarn and flannel costing $8.75 to the Assiniboine Indian women who can knit and sew. Also ten sacks clothing and $9.00 in cash to white settlers who had suffered severely from prairie fires.''

Another undertaking of the Auxiliary is recorded, the first of its kind in Manitoba: the opening of a school for Chinese men of the city. There were about twenty. The Secretary writes: ''Our pupils are bright, intelligent, attentive and evince great delight in being taught to read and write. That this work of caring for the heathen in our midst may have the earnest prayers of all Christian women is the sincere wish of the management.'' She also writes: ''The close of our missionary year shows an increase of membership and unabated interest in the meetings, new avenues of work opening up and an ever-growing desire on the part of the membership to be used in the Master's service.''

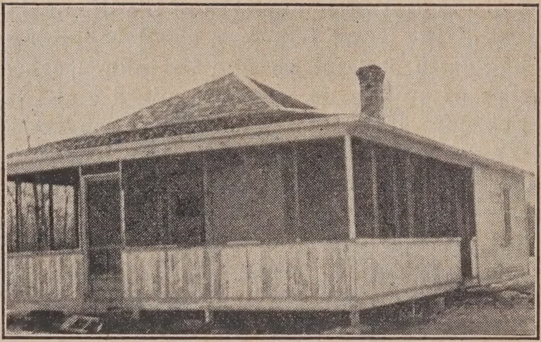
This, then is the record of the first fifteen months of the life of the first auxiliary organized west of the Great Lakes—a small beginning, but it was initiated in strong faith and prayer and its influence has been far-reaching. A number of auxiliaries were organized and two and a half years later, on February 12th, 1889, Winnipeg Presbyterial came into being. The Women's Home Missionary Society had been organized in 1903 and had formed auxiliaries and Presbyterials. Seven Presbyterials formed the Provincial Women's Missionary Society which was organized in 1914 after the amalgamation of the Foreign and Home Missionary Societies. Some of the auxiliaries actually became strictly Home Mission Societies. Most of the people in the early years of our history thought there was quite enough to do at home, that foreign missions should be left to churches in other countries. One of the many things accomplished by the W.F.M.S. in the Western provinces is the assistance it gave in breaking down that prejudice and convincing people that as far as we are able, we are responsible for sending the Gospel to the whole world.

An important event marked the year 1905, namely the organization of an auxiliary in the historic church of Kildonan.



Kildonan Church, Manitoba

In 1925, the first Provincial Society was re-organized in the manse of Old Kildonan Church, July 22nd. The first Winnipeg Presbyterial was re-organized in February, 1926. The work was carried on by women who, in spite of difficulties and discouragements, believed in the good old fashioned sense of duty which results in putting first things first. The first definite assigment we received was the care of the district around Gonor. In May, 1927, we were given the responsibility of Indian work in Manitoba. The Cecilia Jeffrey School at Kenora was opened and dedicated November 6th, 1929 with E. W. Byers as Principal. In 1933, 25 boys and girls from the school brought their band to compete in the musical



Bungalow where Gonor Mission started

festival in Winnipeg. They won the highest marks. At the Kenora festival, they won the silver cup for the second time. Sir Hugh Robertson, adjudicator, said: ''This band is a shining example to every festival competitor.''

On September 3rd, 1930, All People's Mission, Gonor was opened and dedicated by the Presbytery of Winnipeg. Mrs. Ewen MacKenzie, wife of Reverend Ewen MacKenzie, a missionary, was in charge. There were 44 families attending the mission church. A number of nationalities comprising German, Russian, Polish, Ruthenian and Jewish people made up the congregation. Mrs. MacKenzie, and her sister, Miss Innes, presented the W.M.S. with a deed to three acres of land to be used as a centre for the work of our Church there. In 1931, Miss Dorothy Jenkinson, deaconess, was the means of bringing into being a beautiful church building, in a community where no Protestant Church existed before. This church was dedicated on August 18, 1932 and is known as MacBeth Presbyterian Church.

The first service held in old Prince Arthur's Landing (now Port Arthur) by an ordained minister of The Presbyterian Church in Canada was conducted by a (so-called) Foreign Missionary, the Reverend John Black of Kildonan. Strange though it seems to us to-day, up to about 1870, Presbyterians of Eastern Ontario considered the western part of Canada a foreign mission field.

In 1879 a young doctor in Eastern Ontario took the map of Canada on his knee, decided that the head of Lake Superior, halfway between the Atlantic and Pacific, would be a good pioneering site and wrote Reverend Mr. McKeracher asking if there were an opening for a young medical man. The reply was ''Yes, if he can keep sober''—not

MacBeth Church, East Selkirk

such an irrelevant reply considering that for a population of less than 1,000 there were 26 places selling liquor and it was a common saying ''there was no God beyond the Soo''. The doctor and his wife arrived in April 1879. Sometime in the '80's, though no written record is available, the doctor's wife, assisted by Mrs. George Smellie (who came to ''Kirkhall'', the manse of the Free Church of Scotland in Fergus, Ontario, with Mr. Smellie in 1843) organized the first missionary society at the head of the lakes.

As the years passed the Home Mission Board urged the formation of a Presbyterial Society in this district.

In 1927 a request came from Manitoba Provincial through Mrs. Hutchison of Winnipeg, that Superior affiliate with them. The general Council and Ontario Provincial Society were consulted and it was decided in 1928, ''That the request of Superior Presbyterial to become part of Manitoba Provincial be granted''.

The history of Brandon Presbyterial dates back to July 15th, 1885 when women from Humesville, Chater and Zion met in Humesville Church and organized an Auxiliary with Mrs. Donald McEwan as president. In that same year Mrs. McEwan also organized the Brandon Presbyterial which was the first one west of the Great Lakes, with four Auxiliaries. Humesville, Chater, Zion and St. Paul's. Mrs. McEwan was elected president which office she held with the exception of a few years until 1914. Mrs. McEwan never considered roads or weather if it was the day of the meeting. A member from Zion tells the story of how she and her sister rode their pony over to Mrs. McEwan's farm where they found harness and a buckboard and all drove to the meeting when often only three or four were present. We have three Indian Reserves in this Presbyterial, an Indian Residential School at Birtle where work started in 1879, and a school, on the Birdtail Reserve. In 1897 the first W.M.S. Auxiliary was organized by Miss Jamieson, a returned missionary.

We would at this time express our gratitude to God for the great vision and courage of our early leaders and the faithfulness of all who have carried on this work to the present time, through years of depression as well as years of plenty.

Saskatchewan Synodical

Eighty-four years ago, Reverend James Nisbet and his party trekked across the prairies from Fort Garry to Fort Carlton. Then, changing their wagon boxes into rafts, the small group floated about forty miles down the mighty Saskatchewan River, landing at the spot called by the

Indians "Kistapinanik", or "Place-where-they-waited", the meeting place for the annual ceremonial dances.

Let us glance back over the history of the work since 1866. In 1878 the mission at Prince Albert was transferred to the Home Mission Board, but the school which had been established was retained under the control of the Foreign Mission Board and Miss Lucy Baker was sent out. After a six weeks' trip by Red River cart, she arrived in Prince Albert, October 28th, 1878. She established a Mission and school on the Makose Reserve, north of Prince Albert.

In August 1892, the women of St. Andrew's Church, Moosomin, organized a Women's Foreign Missionary Auxiliary, in affiliation with the general Society of Toronto. The President was Mrs. J. H. Douglas. One month later, a Mission Band was formed with Mrs. A. S. Smith as president.

The next organization of which we have record is of Wolseley Mission Band started July 22nd, 1896, and two years later, a group of women and girls gathered together in Regina to make articles, the proceeds from the sale of which were for the support of a native teacher in Erromanga. The central figure of this group was Beryl Gillespie, a little invalid, who died later that same year.

The first Presbyterial was formed in December 1902, and was known as the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Qu'Appelle, and its first president was Mrs. J. G. McKechnie.

In 1907, the Presbyterial of Regina-Moose Jaw was organized by Miss Jamieson.

In June 1908 the Presbytery of Abernethy was established and in September the Presbyterial of Abernethy was organized at Balcarres.

Qu'Appelle and Abernethy were now Home and Foreign Mission Presbyterials. Arcola had a Home Missionary Presbyterial. Regina and Moose Jaw had two, one Home, one Foreign. Weyburn-Arcola, Alameda, Yorkton, and later Kindersley were all W.F.M. groups. In 1914, however, when the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Canada amalgamated, these all came together under the Women's Missionary Society.

In October 1914 the Battleford and Saskatoon Presbyterials were formed and in February 1915 the Prince Albert Presbyterial with Mrs. A. E. Mitchell as president, was added to the list.

The first Provincial Annual Meeting was held in Knox Church, Regina, in March 1915, with twelve Presbyterials reporting. Swift Current, Assiniboia and Kamsack shortly afterwards brought the number up to fifteen.

Mention must also be made of two papers which gave impetus to the W.M.S. movement, the first *The Pioneer Witness,* owned and edited by Reverend Alex. Robson of Indian Head. The other was *Progress,* a little paper issued monthly by the boys in attendance at the Regina Indian Industrial School.

May 1925 saw the formation of the first Provisional Presbyterial, the Prince Albert-Saskatoon. On October 15th this became a regularly established Presbyterial.

The Regina and Moose Jaw Presbyterials followed and October 1925 saw the establishment once more of the Saskatchewan Provincial of the Women's Missionary Society of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, with the late Mrs. H. R. Horne as its President.

To-day, Saskatchewan, no longer a ''foreign mission field'', is a partner with the other provinces of Canada, and her sons and daughters are carrying the Gospel to other lands.

Early Days in the W.M.S. in Alberta

In 1870 the Northwest Territories became part of the Dominion of Canada, but it was not until 1905 tha the Province of Alberta came into being. All through these years, while the country was thus being opened up and settled, the Presbyterian Church was trying to follow its people with Gospel privileges.

In 1887 the Presbytery of Calgary was constituted. This included the whole of what is now Alberta as well as the eastern part of British Columbia. There were only five ordained ministers in the Church in this vast district. People were coming in needing help and direction, sympathy and advice. The minister, where there was a minister, did what he could to look after his scattered flock. There were no organizations for social service in those early days; neighbours gave of what they had, were friendly and dependent on one another. There were no self-supporting congregations, all were dependent on the Home Mission Fund of the Church at large.

The great Superintendent of Western Missions, the Reverend James Robertson (Superintendent from 1881 to 1902) visited all these scattered outposts, heartening ministers and people by his deep faith, his human understanding and keen sense of humor. Women whose husbands, brothers, sons or sweethearts were living under these pioneer conditions, sometimes in mining or logging camps, were anxious to help send them Gospel privileges, and contributed to the support of the missionary on the pioneer field when the people were not able to do it themselves. The publication of letters from missionaries on the field, in *The Pioneer* the organ of the new Home Missionary Society, picturing the rugged life on the frontier, did much to spread both information and enthusiasm.

In the eleven years of the life of the Home Missionary Society, 27 fields were assigned to them and 16 became self-supporting. Hospitals were built in settlements of foreigners; homes were made available for children who could not attend school because there were no educational facilities in their districts. Night schools, where young people could learn to read and speak English, were also attempted, with varying success; and in all of this Alberta had her share.

Wherever there was a congregation, mission work was being done, in welcoming newcomers, looking after sick or ailing ones and helping all to establish themselves. The women, through their Ladies' Aid Societies were working to pay their Church building, seating it (the first seats were often planks upheld by blocks cut from trees) getting hymn books, plastering or heating the church, and often collecting money to pay their minister's salary.

As early as 1892, a Foreign Missionary Society was started in Lethbridge, and in 1901, one in Macleod.

In 1897 a Society was started in Calgary and one in Strathcona in 1903.

A Home and Foreign Missionary Society was started in First Church, Edmonton, in 1904, then a Home Missionary Society in 1906 and also a Foreign Society the same year. There were other groups doing missionary work, sometimes co-operative, of various kinds.

The number of Ukrainians and others from Central Europe who came to the northern part of the province in the nineties, had brought the foreign mission work to our doors. When the Home Missionary Society was authorized by the General Assembly in 1903 and the Home Mission *Pioneer* was published in its interests, we gladly contributed to it, although not yet able in our young pioneer Mission Churches to support a Society.

But more people were coming in and those who had taken up their homesteads and cleared the land were getting returns in crops; conditions improved and people were beginning to be able to think of others.

A travelling secretary, Miss Matilda Robinson, was sent through the West in 1905 and 1906, in the interests of the Home Missionary Society. She visited our various groups and organized auxiliaries in villages and towns along the railway lines. Nine organizations were required to form a Presbyterial and the first one to be organized was in Edmonton in First Church in September 1906, with Mrs. D. G. McQueen as President. Red Deer also organized a Presbyterial in 1906 with Mrs. George Peattie as President.

The first Alberta Provincial meeting, after the union of the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, was held in Red Deer in June 1915, with Mrs. Charles McKillop of Lethbridge in the chair. The annual report of that year showed that the Provincial consisted of 7 Presbyterials and 61 Auxiliaries, with 1,221 members.

Gradually we became accustomed to the routine of work and things went smoothly. There was much to do. We were responsible for our part in sustaining mission stations, hospitals, nurses, educational institutions. A Presbyterial had been formed in Medicine Hat in 1915.

The High River Presbyterial was organized in 1916.

The first meeting of Calgary Presbyterial was held in Knox Church in 1915 with Mrs. J. A. Clark as President.

On May 11th, 1920 Council met for the first time in Alberta at Calgary. There were delegates from six provinces.

In 1922 the Young Women's Auxiliaries and the Canadian Girls in Training came into prominence, in the work among our young people. Calgary had the largest auxiliary west of Winnipeg and in 1921 they instituted smaller district groups to work through, as adjuncts to the main auxiliary.

And so the work has gone on. We have tried to obey our Saviour's commission to give the Gospel to others. The trail has been long and we have made many friends on the way. It has been an arduous, but pleasant road.

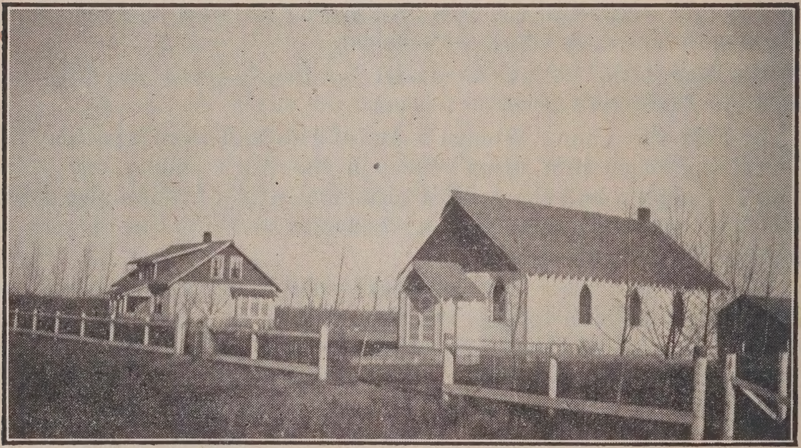
Peace River Presbyterial

Peace River Presbyterial is the youngest member of our family of forty-three. Its formation last year was an event which caused rejoicing all over the areas where the interests of the Western Division of our Society are shared. Back of the formation of this Presbyterial lies a story of modern pioneering and of great faith in our Church and in our Lord. We give you just brief glimpses of beginnings there. "Credit for pioneer work in Dixonville", write Mrs. A. Kristensen, "goes to the deaconesses and the women's groups. Dr. Margaret Strang came

Dr. Margaret Strang Savage, ready to go on her rounds.

to Dixonville in 1931 to do medical and missionary work among the people. She had a manse built that year and the following year a church building was dedicated. She gave herself unsparingly as she went from patient to patient on horse back. Mr. and Mrs. Hancock followed Dr. Margaret Strang Savage and Mrs. Hancock led the women and young people in their groups. After no regular missionary for several years, Miss A. Hincks, Reg.N. came as deaconess. Once again a Ladies' Aid, C.G.I.T. and a Mission Band were formed.''

Reverend Dr. Forbes and Mrs. Forbes were the pioneers in the Grand Prairie area. ''Thinking of the women of our Church'', writes Mrs. Davidson, it gives us a sense of pride that the name of Agnes Forbes is a name honoured and revered by the pioneers who knew her as a nurse and a Christian friend to the passer-by. Mrs. Forbes with the help of Miss Baird, opened the first hospital in Grande Prairie in a caboose. It was through the untiring efforts of Dr. and Mrs. Forbes that the first Grande Prairie hospital was built.



Church and Manse at Brownvale, Peace River.

Mrs. Lilly Tissington writes of beginnings in Flying Shot. ''The Women's Missionary Society held its first meeting in October 1937. Since that time the group has met regularly except for intervals in the winter time when roads are impassable. We endeavour to go to as many new homes as possible. There we talk about the Word of God to as many as possible. We keep in touch with the sick and the infirm and our aged friends. This group of W.M.S. women saw the serious need for Sunday School work, so in 1939 a Sunday School was formed which children of all denominations attended. It has been a success. This W.M.S. has carried on, often without the services of a minister or deaconess. Our last meeting was held at the home of a newcomer to the district—a Ukrainian woman. Twenty-five ladies were present.

W.M.S. deaconesses Todd, Madill and Rollo were responsible for the beginning of work in Last Lake. A very fine church has been built in the midst of the Brownvale-Last Lake community. An auxiliary of the W.M.S. has recently been formed as part of the Peace River Presbyterial.

Mrs. O. McDonald wrote about the Wanham field. ''In 1933, Miss Margaret Grigor, deaconess was appointed by the W.M.S. to work in this district, her headquarters to be at Wanham.'' Miss Grigor organized Sunday Schools and conducted services in eight points. ''She travelled with team and Bennet buggy covering 30-35 miles each Sunday and conducted Sunday School and a service in each place.'' Gradually church buildings were built, partly by means of gifts from friends across Canada but largely through the efforts of the people themselves who gave labour and raw materials for the buildings. Miss Grigor organized Mission Bands and girls' groups as well as W.M.S. Auxiliaries in many of her charges. ''As one looks back over these early years, we could say with the Psalmist: 'Truly the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.' ''

British Columbia Synodical

The history of missionary effort and interests of Presbyterian women in British Columbia begin in 1887, for in that year the first two Presbyterian women's missionary groups were organized. An auxiliary of the W.F.M.S. was formed in Chilliwack and a Mission Band in St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster. From the historical sketch prepared for the sixtieth anniversary of Cooke's Presbyterian Church of Chilliwack, on October 3, 1948, we quote: ''Prior to the development of definite Presbyterian work in the community, the Women's Missionary Society had already begun its work and probably had much to do with the initial growth of a Presbyterian congregation in Chilliwack.'' Twenty members of St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, ranging in age from 17 to 75, were organized as the Columbia Mission Band by Mrs. T. Scoular, who became first President; Miss Edith McNab, now Mrs. A. H. Gordon, who was elected Treasurer, has been continuously and actively interested in the missionary work of the Church since that date and is now Honorary President of the Synodical Society; four years later this Band became St. Andrew's Auxiliary of the W.F.M.S.

Four other auxiliaries had their share too, in the early history of Presbyterian women's missionary work in British Columbia. An auxiliary of the W.F.M.S. was formed in Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver, in May 1893; in 1905, an auxiliary of the W.H.M.S. was organized and a donation sent to Atlin Hospital; in 1912, the two groups united to form one Auxiliary. Knox Auxiliary of the W.F.M.S. Cranbrook, was organized on July 10th, 1902. Due to the efforts of Mrs. A. B. Winchester, whose husband was in charge of Chinese work in British Columbia, an auxiliary of the W.F.M.S. was organized in 1902 in St. Andrew's, Victoria; this auxiliary was affiliated with Westminster Presbyterial from 1908 until 1914 when Victoria Presbyterial was organized; it continues to be one of the most actively interested and now leads the Senior Auxiliaries of the Synodical in membership and offerings. In 1907, a missionary group was organized in St. Andrew's Church, Vernon.

On February 23, 1898, representatives of St. Andrew's Auxiliary of New Westminster and of St. Andrew's and Mount Pleasant Auxiliaries of Vancouver, met and organized the Westminster Presbyterial of the W.F.M.S.

On September 20, 1906, members of the auxiliaries of the W.H.M.S. in the district met to organize the Westminster Presbyterial of the W.H.M.S.

For five years the Presbyterials of the W.F.M.S. and the W.H.M.S. held joint annual meetings, each giving its own reports and electing its own officers; in many churches there was but one auxiliary working for both foreign and home missions. On June 18, 1914, representatives of the Presbyterial Societies of the W.F.M.S. and W.H.M.S. met and decided to amalgamate and thus the Westminster Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society came into being.

Although auxiliaries in Victoria Presbyterial had been organized in 1902, the Presbyterial was not organized until June 1914.

In 1915, 6 Senior auxiliaries in Kamloops Presbyterial had reported direct to Provincial Board, and the following year on September 19, 1916, the Presbyterial was organized with 7 auxiliaries. In 1949 there were 5 auxiliaries, 2 girls' groups, 1 children's group with offerings of $535.

From the first annual report of the Corresponding Secretary of the British Columbia Provincial Society, we quote: "A meeting to complete the organization of a Provincial Society in connection with the Women's Missionary Society of The Presbyterian Church in Canada was held in St. Andrew's Church, Vancouver, on October 29, 1914. There was a good attendance, all Presbyterials being represented. Officers were elected, by-laws passed and the Society duly organized."

Of that period immediately following June 10th, 1925, the President, Mrs. Henry Pillar, in stressing the value and importance of auxiliaries said: ''The members of the smallest auxiliaries are the heroines for they carry on under lonely conditions, and where there is little or no outward stimulus to encourage them; only a deep and prayerful missionary spirit could impel them to struggle on; to these we owe admiration and gratitude. The impression carried away on visiting auxilaries, is, that our women, by virtue of the adversities which have overtaken them, have risen above themselves in their enthusiastic resolution that this work shall not pass but shall go forward to greater things than ever.''

Chinese Work

The first report of Chinese work in British Columbia was made in 1888 by members of Chilliwack Auxiliary, who worked among Chinese residents in their locality.

In 1900, Miss Carrie Gunn, who gave 19 years of devoted service was sent out by the W.F.M.S. to open up Chinese work in Victoria. Since that time the work has been carried on continuously and is now in charge of Miss Gertrude Scott and Miss Grace Lee.

Hospitals

It was to British Columbia in 1898, that the Atlin Nurses' Committee sent out two nurses in response to Dr. John Pringle's appeal for trained Christian workers to follow the ''Gold Rush'' trail, so it was only natural that hospital work at Atlin, Telegraph Creek, Francois Lake and Burns Lake were specially interesting projects to the members of this province.

Pacific Coast Mission

Work among the loggers along the Pacific coast began in 1902, and in this work the members of the Society always took a keen interest. They aided in furnishing the boats used for the work—''The Broadcaster'' and ''The Sky Pilot''. They supplied comforts for the needy and books and magazines for distribution. Most of the books of the 58 circulating libraries established by Dr. George Pringle were supplied by the Women's Missionary Society of British Columbia.

Our hope in British Columbia is that the memories of our members and their accomplishments through the years will ever inspire us to increase our efforts in the work of our Society, so that we may do our part in making His Kingdom grow.

We Are Grateful To:

WE are attempting to tell you of those ladies whose stories of our work in its infancy appears in this issue. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that all of those who helped, are mentioned. Some of the writers have been most modest in acknowledging their share of the history. We wish to state here too, that the facts we have printed are facts which have come to us from local historical files. Should you feel that any error has been made, would you please realize that in this instance, we have not been striving for accuracy so much as the hope that you would find pleasure and inspiration in this brief glimpse backward. We are indeed most grateful to all who have helped with this issue.

Eastern Division—Mrs. C. H. McCuish, Sydney, N.S.

Montreal and Ottawa—Miss Janet Riley, Billings Bridge, Ont.; Mrs. Riddell.

Toronto and Kingston—Mrs. N. R. D. Sinclair, R.R. 1, Markham.

Hamilton and London—Mrs. J. S. Dobbie, Owen Sound, Ontario.

Manitoba—Mrs. A. M. Long, Winnipeg, Man.; Miss M. I. L. Smellie, Port Arthur; Mrs. J. Gray, Brandon, Man.

Saskatchewan—Miss J. E. Walls, Saskatoon, Sask.; Mrs. Jay Watson, Weyburn, Sask.

Alberta—Mrs. M. S. Blackburn, Banff, Alta.; Mrs. D. G. McQueen, Edmonton, Alta.; Mrs. R. Davidson, Grande Prairie.

British Columbia—Miss Sybil White, Vancouver.

New Appointments to the W.M.S. Staff

We are pleased to announce that Miss Grace Irvine, Toronto, has been appointed Youth Secretary and that Miss Elizabeth Moodie, New Westminster, B.C., has been appointed Associate Children's Work Secretary to work with Miss Lily Macarthur. While both these secretaries are in the employ of our Society they work in co-operation with the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies.

Miss Helen Bricker, B.A., Elora, Ontario, has been appointed National Girls' Work Secretary and is employed jointly by the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies and our Society.

Further information about these secretaries will be found on the Young Women's, Girls' Organizations and Children's Department pages.

—*(Mrs. W. A.) Beatrice McLennan,*
Corresponding Secretary.

"Our Share in the World Mission"

Louise A. Reith, M.A., author of "Our Share in the World Mission" and "Around the World to Canada"

OUR Share in the World Mission is the title of the study prepared for Senior groups by our own Literature Secretary, Louise A. Reith. She is also the author of the Girls' study *Around the World to Canada.*

It is fitting that this is the year that we think particularly about the work we are doing in Canada and overseas. Presbyterians this year, have had their hearts filled with inspiration and their minds with knowledge as they have stopped to consider their heritage. From every quarter—from Montreal in the spring, from Toronto where leaders of all Protestant churches throughout the world have gathered to share ideas on Christian Education, have come the call for each one of us to study, to pray to give that the Word of God may lead the world to peace. So, we, as members of a mission group study ''our share in the world mission''.

Our study is about our own work, the authors of our studies are our own Canadian Presbyterian leaders. Miss Louise Reith is no stranger as a writer, to our Presbyterian Church people. She has shown in the two studies of which she is author, an extensive knowledge of, and a deep love for the work Presbyterian missionaries are doing in various parts of the world. Added to these characteristics in her studies is her skill as a writer. All in all, you will find that your study of *Our Share in the World Mission* and *Around the World to Canada,* a joy and an inspiration.

The children's study is also on our own work. The author of *Friends Across Canada* is also one of our own Presbyterian staff. Miss Macarthur like Miss Reith, needs no introduction to our people. Much of the material of the study she has prepared is about events in this country in which she has had a part to play. Her knowledge of children's work and her interest in it have made this study a valuable one for our children at this time.

Lily Macarthur author of "Friends Across Canada"

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

Studies for 1950-51

SEPTEMBER is the time when many of the groups within the Women' Missionary Society Family—Auxiliaries, Girls' and Children's Groups plan the programme for the new study year. This year all groups are going to think about the work for which Canadian Presbyterians are responsible in which members of the Women's Missionary Society have a share. The recommended programme outlines for the various groups are as follows:

For Auxiliaries—The theme is OUR SHARE IN THE WORLD MISSION. The packet contains a source book and outlines for six meetings with services of worship. The material gives a general survey of the work being done in Canada and in the Overseas fields, in India, British Guiana, China and Japan by workers from Canada, by national Christians, and through money grants. Thoughts are directed to what is being done today; to the needs of the various fields; and to plans for Advance.

For Girls' Groups—AROUND THE WORLD TO CANADA is the title of the girls' mission study packet. The packet contains a study outline for six meetings with services of worship, extra stories and project suggestions, and the source book ''Our Share in the World Mission''. The girls are taken ''around the world'' to the various fields of our Church's work and back to see what is being done in Canada.

For Children's Groups (Mission Bands and Explorers)—FRIENDS ACROSS CANADA. The children of our Presbyterian groups are remaining in Canada this year to learn of the work being done among the people of Canada and to make friends with old and new Canadians. This programme booklet has been planned by Lily M. Macarthur our own Children's Work Secretary and contains stories, suggestions for presenting the stories, handwork suggestions and worship material for ten meetings and an extra, special meeting. At the back of the book are three extra programmes for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, respectively, prepared by Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Children's Secretary on Council Executive.

All these studies are planned in the hope that all groups within the Women's Missionary Society may become more familiar with the work being done by their own Church and Society and realizing the needs may be more anxious to have a share in making possible the Advance which has been planned on all fields.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

"THE Council Meeting! And what has that to do with our Auxiliary?" was the question asked not long ago. It has very much to do with every Auxiliary and every other branch. It is the annual meeting of the Society of which your Auxiliary is a part. This year it is being held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, Ontario, beginning Monday evening, September 25th, and continuing through Friday, September 29th. At this meeting the future work and plans of the Society will be decided on. The new Secretaries, for whom we have waited so long—Miss Moodie, Miss Irvine and Miss Bricker—will be present. The programme will provide ample time for full discussion of all organization problems. Tuesday afternoon is given over to the Children's Department, the Girls' Department and the Senior Auxiliaries; Tuesday evening provides for the Young Women's Department and the Evening Department. On Wednesday afternoon there will be the presentation of the Society's national work and on Wednesday evening the work of the Church in Canada by the Chairman of the Board of Missions, Rev. G. Deane Johnston, Brantford. Thursday evening is the presentation of our overseas work by Miss Pelton and an address by Dr. David W. Hay of Knox College.

Delegates will be present from all seven Synodicals, from the Board of Administration, the General Board of Missions, the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies and the Board of Evangelism and Social Action.

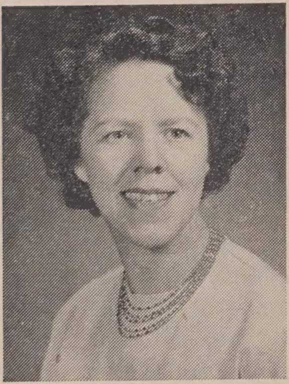
Last year when the meeting was held in Calgary numbers of women came long distances so that they might share in that historic gathering. This year the meeting in Guelph is in the centre of the most thickly populated part of Ontario and is easily accessible. The meetings are all open and while only accredited delegates may vote or receive entertainment, it is hoped that every Auxiliary and in fact every branch, particularly in the adjoining Presbyterials, will endeavour to be represented at as many of the sessions as possible. It is at such gatherings with representatives from Quebec to Vancouver that we realize that the Women's Missionary Society is not made up of isolated groups but that we are all bound together with a common loyalty to God and our Church.

The theme chosen for this Council meeting is "Lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes", Isa. 54: 2. We cannot all be present, but whether present or absent we can all be united in one great fellowship.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

Miss Grace Irvine



Miss Grace Irvine

WHAT a pleasure it is to introduce to you our new Youth Secretary, Miss Grace Irvine! Miss Irvine will be working with the young women of our Church and with the members of Young People's Societies in co-operation with the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies. She is most keenly interested in young people, in their ideas, their aims and ambitions.

In 1934 Miss Irvine graduated from the Missionary and Deaconess Training School. To many in Toronto and Manitoba she is not a stranger having been associated with Riverdale Church in Toronto as a deaconess for some years. Then for two years she was a deaconess-at-large in the province of Manitoba.

Miss Irvine has just recently completed two years of study at the McCormick Theological Seminary in the division of Christian Education.

This summer Miss Irvine was a leader at two camps, the Ontario Camp Council at Kwasind where 75 girls attended. Later at Kintail, a camp for teen-age girls, she conducted groups in Leadership Training and Bible Study.

We know that you are looking forward to meeting Miss Irvine and enlisting her help with your auxiliary problems. We also feel quite sure that many young women are going to have a much better knowledge and be more interested in the work of our Women's Missionary Society after being in contact with her. We are delighted to have Miss Grace Irvine as a member of our staff.

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada has established a permanent office at the Canadian School of Missions, 97 St. George Street, Toronto 5, Ontario. All communications to the Council concerning the World Day of Prayer should be sent to this address.

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, ***Secretary***

Miss Helen Bricker, B.A.

Miss Helen Bricker

IT is with great pleasure that we introduce to you our new Girls' Work Secretary Miss Helen Bricker. Miss Bricker was born in Saskatchewan, and received her primary and secondary education in Elora, Ontario. Following her graduation from Victoria College, University of Toronto, and the Ontario College of Education, Miss Bricker taught school in the Collegiate Institute at Forest, Ontario, and for the past two years has been teaching French and English in a private school for girls in Montreal. She is also an accomplished musician and is keenly interested in art.

Miss Bricker has had experience in the leadership of girls and also in camp work. We are indeed happy to welcome Miss Bricker and we know that she will be untiring in her efforts to promote and strengthen the work among our girls.

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One of the secrets of success in most ventures is getting off to a good start so let us apply it to girls' work and meet the Fall season with our plans well under way, all ready and enthusiastic to begin our work.

Do I hear someone say "That's all very well, but I'm new to this job just where do I start?" It is true that we have many new leaders and Presbyterial Secretaries and also a few new Synodical Secretaries. We have been in personal contact with these secretaries, a few added suggestions might be welcome.

Synodical Secretaries

1. If you have new Presbyterial secretaries will you please send to them at once, a copy of the helps for Presbyterial secretaries which we prepared and sent to you or your predecessor in the late Spring. If you have not a copy or cannot obtain one please write to this office and we shall be happy to send one to you.

2. Write to your secretaries and ask them to give to you an analysis of the work in their Presbyterial. This should then be sent

to your Secretary on Council Executive. Ask her to try to explain the loss of groups and above all to do all within her power to strengthen and maintain our existing groups.

Presbyterial Secretaries

1. When you receive suggestions from Synodical Secretaries, please act at once. We know it isn't always convenient to do so, but we must remember that we accepted this responsibility and if we fall down on our part, the whole department will suffer.
2. Get in touch with every group within your Presbyterial. Offer help to the leader and where she is in difficulty, obtain help for her, if you cannot supply it yourself.
3. Talk about Girls' Work in your Presbyterial Executive. Make the members conscious of their responsibility to this much neglected part of our work.
4. Visit (if possible) telephone or write to your leaders regularly.

Leaders

1. Have some well thought out suggestions to make to your group at your first meeting.
2. Talk over the plans with them and let the girls help plan the programme.
3. Investigate at once, the absence of any member.
4. Visit the homes and seek the co-operation of the parents. Tell them about the programme and explain what the group stands for.
5. Seek the advice of your minister, Sunday School superintendent and the president of your Senior Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society. You will find in them strong supporters of your work and valuable allies.
6. Start and stop your meetings on time and don't let them drag.

Now we don't pretend that the above suggestions are the cure for all our weaknesses, nor are they particularly new ideas, but we do know, that if every single one of us gets right to work and applies them that there will be a very different story to tell when report time rolls around again.

Skates for the Indian Schools

If you in your fall housecleaning find skates that your children have outgrown, don't throw them away, send them to one of the Indian Residential Schools. The children there love to skate. Rinks have been provided for them. They lack only the skates to enjoy this great winter sport. Smaller size skates are particularly desired.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, *Secretary*

Miss Elizabeth Moodie

Elizabeth Moodie

WE are proud to be able to introduce to our Society, Miss Elizabeth Moodie. Miss Moodie has come to us from New Westminster, B.C. She will be associated with Miss Macarthur in the executive work of the Children's Department.

Miss Moodie has left the teaching profession to join our staff. The loss to that profession is a great gain for us, for her teaching experience has been, for the most part, with small children. A graduate of British Columbia Normal Schools, Miss Moodie taught in New Westminster until several years ago when she came to Toronto on the Exchange system. After a year here on exchange, she elected to remain a second year in order to take further training in Kindergarten-Primary techniques and to put them into practice under the Ontario Department of Education. She studied at Summer School in Ottawa, then spent her year in kindergarten-primary classes in Toronto.

The name Moodie, is a familiar one in Presbyterian mission circles. Some years ago, Miss Catherine Moodie went to India as a W.M.S. worker. She remained in Jhansi after her marriage to Mr. Angus MacKay. Miss Elizabeth Moodie is following her sister's footsteps in dedicating her services to mission work. The Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) is fortunate in being able to add Miss Moodie's name to its staff list.

Thanksgiving Worship Service

ARRANGE worship centre. A table might be used with an arrangement of colourful vegetables, fruits and foliage centred by an open Bible. Flowers might be substituted for the fruits and vegetables.

Soft music until children come to reverent silence.

Call to worship: ''O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good.'' (Psalm 107: 1).

One child memorizes and repeats or all repeat together—

Dear Lord we join to-day
To praise Thee and to pray.
We know that Thou art near
Thy little ones to hear.
May all we think and say
Be pleasing to Thine ear.

Let us sing praise to God for the beautiful world he has given us to live in by singing the first verse of Hymn 765 "The world looks very beautiful."

Psalm 136: 1-9, 25, 26. The leader or an older child might read the first part of each verse, the second part in unison by the whole group.

1. For the lovely flowers that grow,
For the green and leafy trees,
For the shining stars that glow,
For the rivers and the seas,
We thank Thee Lord.

2. For the sky above so blue,
For the clouds so snowy white
For the birds of every hue,
For our hearing and our sight,
We thank Thee Lord.

3. For the fine foods that we eat,
For our homes and parents too,
For the good friends that we meet
For Thy care our whole lives through
We thank Thee Lord.

4. For Thy Word to light our way,
For Thy deep love for each one,
For Thy sorrow when we stray,
For the great gift of Thy Son,
We thank Thee Lord.

5. For His life midst great and small,
For the lessons taught with love
For His death to save us all
For a life with Him above.
We thank Thee Lord.

It would give a nice effect if five children could each memorize a verse in advance and repeat it slowly and clearly. At the close of each verse a short time should be given for silent prayer.

Now wouldn't it be fitting that we would say thank you to God with our gifts (offering).

Let us dedicate our offering by singing a song—Hymn 779.

Thanksgiving story in either Counsellor or Junior Leader may be used.

Hymn 720.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

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KAMLOOPS-Okanagan Presbyterial —Mrs. Bowen-Colthurst, Presbyterial President, gave a report of the Synodical meeting to all five Auxiliaries in the Presbyterial.

Penticton—An International Tea was given by the Auxiliary and C.G.I.T. of St. Andrew's Church. Costumes of Japan, China, India and Russia were used. A display of curios from these countries was exhibited by the C.G.I.T.

On June 1st the C.G.I.T. of St. Andrew's under the leadership of Mrs. G. McAndless held a banquet with their Mothers as guests.

Armstrong—Three of the Auxiliary's meetings have been held in the homes of the members and the social time together was much enjoyed.

Westminster Presbyterial—Buchanan Auxiliary at their June meeting made extensive plans for work to be carried out in the Fall. Special attention will be given to the C.G.I.T. and Explorer Group.

New Westminster — At the Thankoffering meeting of St. Aidan's Auxiliary, a good attendance was present to hear Mrs. Malcolm Ransom, guest speaker. She gave an interesting and humorous account of her work among the Chinese. Her address was much enjoyed by all present.

Vancouver—A large gathering spent a very enjoyable afternoon when the Presbyterial celebrated the 75th anniversary of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, at their annual June tea, held in St. Paul's Church on June 16th.

Robertson Auxiliary had as guest speaker Mrs. Whitecross who gave a wonderful report of the 36th annual meeting of the Synodical. Mrs. S. Baxter was honoured by the members of her Auxiliary for her faithfulness in the work of the Society.

North Vancouver—The newly formed Explorer Group of St. Stephen's Church, under the leadership of Miss Edna Sowter, held a Mother-and-Daughter banquet to end their first season's work. A programme of musical selections and games was much enjoyed by all.

ALBERTA

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MACLEOD Presbyterial—**Lethbridge** —The last meeting of the season of St. Andrew's Auxiliary was held jointly with the Hazel Macdonald Evening Auxiliary. The Explorers under the leadership of Mrs. Russell Hanson, led in the devotional service and the C.G.I.T. presented an inspirational play ''The Call from Afar''. At the close of the service Miss Marjorie MacKay, deaconess and leader of this group, assisted in an impressive service when eight C.G.I.T. girls affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society.

Medicine Hat—The Senior Auxiliary of St. John's Church met recently at the Presbyterian Training School. Miss Marjorie MacKay, deaconess from Lethbridge, was guest speaker and gave a very interesting account of her work in different parts of Canada—at the Birtle Indian School, at a Sanitarium in Toronto, and of the church building and establishment of camps at Kimberley.

The June meeting of the Isabel Taylor Guild, St. John's Church, took the form of a Japanese Tea Party. Following a brief business period, several typical Japanese games were played as outlined in the booklet *Fun and Festival*. Then while everyone relaxed after the strenuous activities, two of the members described the homes, family life, customs and food of the Japanese people. Under the subdued light of paper Japanese lanterns, while the aroma of pine incense wafted about the room, the highlight of the evening, the refreshments, were served by young ladies dressed in traditional Japanese kimonos. The menu consisted of a very tasty concoction of rice and pineapple topped with whipped cream, rice cakes, Japanese pastries and green tea. It was unanimously agreed that the evening had been a pleasant departure from routine meetings and yet educational in our study of Japan.

Red Deer Presbyterial — The regular meeting of the **Edwell** Auxiliary was held in June, when the Home Helpers were special guests. The members were asked to bring clothing for the Indians in Manitoba, and also donations which might be forwarded to needy people in Europe. An interesting address was given by Mr. A. Suitters.

Red Deer—Knox Church Auxiliary, at their last meeting for the season, entertained the Home Helpers. A message from the President, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, advised us that the drive for doubling our membership during 1950 has been very successful, our objective having been already reached. The Auxiliary members were guests at the closing meeting of Knox Mission Band.

MANITOBA

Mrs. J. Gibb, 308 S. Marks St.,
Fort William, Press Secretary

BRANDON Presbyterial — Under the auspices of the Presbyterial two well attended sectional meetings were held at Wellwood and Hartney. The president, Mrs. J. McLeod, presided. Mrs. C. LeCocq, Synodical President, spoke at both meetings. In her address, she outlined the programme for advance in 1950. Mrs. J. Garrett, missionary for six years on the Waywayseecappo Reserve, spoke of the work among the Indians and Reverend J. Fox spoke of the principles in the teaching of The Presbyterian Church during these 75 years of service. Short addresses were also given by Miss Winnifred Ripley deaconess at Portage la Prairie and Miss Betty Grant, deaconess in training, who is now working in Brandon.

Brandon—At the regular meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Reverend D. MacLeod, veteran missionary from Formosa, was the special speaker. He chose as his text John 12: 1-8 and in his address spoke of the early beginnings of the work in Formosa and its growth. The president, Mrs. R. A. Hamlin presided.

The two C.G.I.T. groups of First Church presented a play "Yashio changes his mind", to a large and appreciative audience. The play was based on the C.G.I.T. mission study on Japan and was directed by Mrs. W. O. Nugent. At the Sunday evening service these two groups affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society at an impressive candle-lighting service.

Superior Presbyterial—Fort William—On Monday June 26th a meeting of the Presbyterial was held in the Guild Room of St. Andrew's Church. The highlight of the meeting was the wonderful report of the Pre-Assembly Congress celebrating the 75th anniversary of the founding of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, held in MacVicar Memorial Church, Outremont, given by Mrs. W. S. Nairn, president of St. Andrew's Auxiliary.

Port Arthur—The study book chapter ''Canadians Enter Japan'' was discussed at the final meeting of First Church Auxiliary. Mrs. Grant introduced Mrs. C. LeCocq, Synodical President, who spoke and gave the highlights of her recent trip to the Brandon Presbyterial rally. She also visited several missions, including Wellwood and Hartney. She told of the wonderful work Reverend and Mrs. Garrett, who are in charge of the Indian work there, were doing. Mrs. LeCocq described the conditions in Winnipeg where many have lost everything in the flood. She stressed the fact that this Presbyterial would have to give more to help these people.

Winnipeg Presbyterial — Winnipeg— The Presbyterial held a supper meeting in First Church at the close of which Mrs. A. M. L. Long presented Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary, for Manitoba and Saskatchewan with a writing case. Mrs. Long in a few suitable words expressed regret that Miss Walker was leaving but wished her God speed in the new work. Miss Agnes Hislop, who was also present, gave an outline of her work and told of the missionary van she would be in charge of this summer. Mrs. G. W. Bradley presided.

Mrs. G. L. Lennox was guest speaker at the Thank-offering meeting of First Church Auxiliary. She reviewed the human relationship between God and man from the time of Adam. People and nations had failed Him. When He sent His own Son into the world, His Church was re-established. We all need God's guidance in solving our own problems. The human relationships between nations must improve for the betterment of the world. The Honourable Senator Cairine Wilson was the speaker at our May meeting. She gave an outline of the organization of the United Nations to which she was a delegate. She is a member of the Social and Humanitarian Committee and has been chairman of the International Refugee Organization since 1938. She said, ''I do feel that we can build up a resistance to communism and a faith in ourselves by giving food and medicine to the sick.''

The newly organized C.G.I.T. group of Elmwood Church held the Affiliation Service on Wednesday May 26th. Nine girls were present and the ladies of the Auxiliary were on hand to welcome the girls into the missionary family. An hour of fellowship followed.

At the May meeting of Elmwood Auxiliary Mrs. W. S. Smith was guest speaker. Mrs. Smith gave a most constructive report of the meetings of the Synodical held in Fort William and Port Arthur.

At the May meeting of Calvin Auxiliary Mrs. J. A. Davidson was guest speaker.

A meeting was held in Norwood Presbyterian Church when the Auxiliary invited members from sister Churches and their friends to listen to Miss Marean, one of our French Protestant Evangelists, who is an evangelist among her own people. Mrs. J. C. Gibbs, the Auxiliary president, presided.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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CHATHAM Presbyterial—**Chatham—** From all parts of Kent County and from Essex, members came to participate in the 65th anniversary of Chatham Presbyterial, as well as to pay tribute to the far-seeing little band of women, who in April 1865 gathered in Chatham Presbyterian Church for organization. Four Auxiliaries, Bothwell, Blenheim, Knox Church of Chatham township and First Church, Chatham, formed a nucleus at this inaugural meeting. Mrs. W. C. Stauth, Windsor, gave an historical sketch—from a Presbyterial of four Auxiliaries it has grown to one of seventeen Auxiliaries. Mrs. A. J. Cherry of Council Executive spoke on Christian Literature.

Wallaceburg—The Auxiliary recently entertained the C.G.I.T. group when Lieutenant Sherwood of the Salvation Army was the special speaker. Her thoughts were based on how God uses the small things of life to confound the mighty. Her talk greatly impressed both the girls and the Auxiliary members.

Windsor—On May 4th Knox Church Auxiliary held their annual ''Mother and Daughter'' banquet. The theme of Mrs. C. Alderman's address was ''If I had a daughter''. She would pray for her that she be loyal to her Church, her home and her school.

The May meeting of the Ellen Douglas Auxiliary, Knox Church, was held at the manse when an intensely interesting talk on ''Wartime Christianity in Japan'' was given.

Hamilton Presbyterial—Sectional rallies were held during May in Waterdown, Dundas, Sheffield, Jarvis, St. Catharines, Dunnville and Stoney Creek. These meetings were well attended and brought the Presbyterial officers in contact with so many women who cannot go from home.

Beamsville—The celebrating on May 30th of the 60th anniversary of the organizing of the Women's Missionary Society of St. Andrew's Church was an event long to be remembered. A unique feature was the reading of extracts from the first annual report. Reverend S. H. Hill, B.D., Moderator of Hamilton Presbytery, was the special speaker.

Nelson Auxiliary celebrated its 60th anniversary on May 31st.

At a rally of Mission Bands and Explorer Groups held in St. Andrew's Church, **Hamilton,** the children provided the programme. Stories were told by Mr. D. Munro and Dr. Cowan and a flannelgraph story by Mrs. C. G. Barton.

Huron Presbyterial — Goderich—The 21st anniversary of the C.G.I.T. groups of Knox Church, recently was celebrated by a ''Mother and Daughter'' banquet. Mrs. Alec Smith and Miss Jean Cowan were the first leaders. For several years there was only one group but interest has grown until there are four groups flourishing at present. The Senior Auxiliary (65 years old in 1949) provides leaders, the Arthur Circle Auxiliary provides the Study Books and both auxiliaries have co-operated with girls and leaders in very possible way.

On June 2nd the MacGillivray Mission Band of Knox Church, held their annual tea. An interesting programme was given including choruses, by the little juniors and a skit ''Bridges'' by the seniors. Later twenty-seven boxes of cookies were packed and taken by the children to the shut-ins of the congregation.

Seaforth—The Auxiliary heard very fine reports from the Synodical delegates at their June meeting. Excerpts of letters from the missionaries at home and in our overseas fields were read and arrangements were made to distribute these letters. The Literature Secretaries are to look after this matter. Arrangements were made to hold the fall rally in Blyth.

London Presbyterial—London—Great interest, especially throughout the rural areas was shown at the six district meetings held May 30th, 31st and June 1st, in Komoka, North Caradoc, Glencoe, Ailsa Craig, London, Belmont and Dutton. Members of Presbyterial, Synodical and Council Executive were warmly welcomed by the Auxiliary members. The theme was ''Love'' and ''Advance''. Mrs. McGuigan urged those present to think in terms of ''we'' instead of ''they''. A panel discussion was held by departmental secretaries.

Coloured lanterns, dragon-painted posters and Oriental character signs set the background for a Japanese tea arranged by Cairncross Mission Band, St. George's Church. Members of the Band presented a programme conducted by Miss B. Clark, president. Mrs. D. Meikle was the visiting speaker. Of particular interest was the display of Japanese curios and handcraft loaned by Mrs. A. Self.

Maitland Presbyterial—Kincardine—The 36th annual meeting of Maitland Presbyterial was held in Knox Church. The president Mrs. A. McAuley of Ripley presided at both sessions. The theme was ''Faith''. Mrs. Bell, Kincardine, introduced the visiting speaker, Miss Frieda Matthews, National Executive Secretary. Miss Matthews spoke on our work in Formosa, the Chinese and Indian Work in Canada and of the ''Advance'' work that is to be done by our Church. Honorary Life Memberships were presented to Mrs. J. Linklater, Kincardine and Mrs. Guthrie Reid, Teeswater.

Kinlough Auxiliary held their May meeting at the home of Mrs. W. Guest. Miss Nellie Malcolm was in charge of the topic.

Langside Home Helpers entertained the Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Farish Moffat at their June meeting. Mrs. R. D. A. Currie told of our missionary work in the West and a missionary film was shown.

Mrs. Russell, Lucknow, was guest speaker at the South Kinloss Auxiliary.

Teeswater—Mrs. G. W. Morrison, Kincardine, was the guest speaker at the Home Helpers meeting. Reverend Allan Reoch was the special speaker at a recent meeting of the Auxiliary.

Paris Presbyterial—Brantford—Knox Auxiliary held their Thank-offering meeting on June 1st. Mrs. Gordon Smith of the Baptist Church as visiting speaker, told of the different roles of Mary and Martha. Mary who listened and Martha who ''did things''—both are necessary.

Ingersoll—The North Oxford Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, celebrated their 25th anniversary in the church parlours on June 6th. Mrs. D. Munro, Synodical President, inspired the gathering with her address.

Mount Pleasant—On June 10th Mount Pleasant Church was the scene of a Mission Band Rally when representatives from Brantford, Paris, and Mount Pleasant shared in a programme convened by Miss L. Joyce, consisting of songs and readings in English and Chinese and participated in by all the children present. Reverend K. C. Doka extended a hearty welcome. Mrs. G. L. Wallace, Children's Secretary on Council Executive, illustrated a story by the flannelgraph.

The Auxiliary journeyed to ''Penmarvian'', Paris, for their June meeting. Mrs. N. McPherson, Jr., presided and Reverend K. C. Doka gave an address.

Tea was served by the ladies in residence at Penmarvian.

Sarnia Presbyterial — Petrolia — In place of the four customary sectional meetings held in June, the Presbyterial held a rally in St. Andrew's Church. Mrs. P. J. McEwen, President, presided over a well-attended meeting when routine business and a full discussion of Synodical reports took up the first half of the afternoon. News of a newly formed Evening Auxiliary at Forest, gladdened the hearts of the visitors. The guest speaker was the Reverend Michael Fesenko of the Ukrainian Presbyterian Mission in Toronto, who gave a brief outline of the work among his own people and their problems as New Canadians.

Mrs. A. Carmichael, on behalf of Thedford Auxiliary, invited the Presbyterial to be their guests in October for the autumn rally. Greetings were sent to Mrs. Stokes, Honorary President, who is approaching her 101st birthday. Her life-long devotion to her Church and its missionary programme is a rare stimulant to all who know and love her. Miss Estelle MacCausland, newly appointed deaconess of St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, was introduced. The president's closing message urged all workers to be faithful to the task set before them finding ''Joy in service''.

Sarnia—The Gretta Adams Evening Auxiliary of Paterson Memorial Church entertained the Petrolia Evening Auxiliary at their May meeting. Miss MacCausland of St. Andrew's Church gave an address.

Stratford Presbyterial — A red-letter day in the annals of the Presbyterial was the celebrating on May 17th of its 65th anniversary. As special speaker of the evening, Mrs. George Lamont, Mitchell, sketched the history of our Missionary Society since its inception. Reverend G. Lamont spoke a few words of welcome, expressing the hope that our work during the year would encourage us to go forward in faith.

The June Conference of the Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, Mitchell, Mrs. J. Erskine presiding. Synodical delegates brought a complete picture of work that has been done and of opportunities open to the Presbyterian Church. In bringing greetings from Presbytery, Reverend B. L. Walden said that history can teach us to be proud of our heritage and traditions. We must never take these for granted. There is great need for vision. He believed the Women's Missionary Society could lead the Church in a new upsurge in missions. Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Children's Secretary, Toronto, the guest speaker told of what Council Executive has done with the increased allocation. ''All the needs of money and workers are met where there is found spirituality and prayers.'' This most inspiring conference closed with prayer.

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GUELPH Presbyterial—**Winterbourne** —The theme for the Spring Rally held in the Church Hall was ''As good stewards''. During the opening devotions each member was asked to examine her personal stewardship. A panel discussion followed on our stewardship in our Church, home, community and to our newcomers and our national and international work. An example was given of a women's missionary meeting taken from a copy of *The Glad Tidings.* The Reverend R. H. Armstrong, Acton, was guest speaker, and in his talk on ''Why

Missions'' he said we have the good news and must not keep it to ourselves.

Acton—Victoria Mission Band celebrated its fiftieth anniversary by taking part in a Sunday service and holding a service of dedication the following Saturday afternoon. One former member, Miss Ellen Anderson, serves in British Guiana.

Kingston Presbyterial — Stella—The summer rally of the Presbyterial was held in St. Paul's Church on Amherst Island. Reverend R. K. Earls welcomed the ladies and gave a most interesting account of the origin of the Presbyterian Church in the island in 1822. Mrs. W. Heslip, Madoc, gave an address on ''God's strength for our short-comings'', showing how He uses us for His honour and glory if we let Him. Miss M. P. M. Henry, Kingston, gave a brief summary of the Pre-Assembly Congress in Montreal.

Lindsay Presbyterial — Lindsay — A very successful Mission Band rally was held in St. Andrew's Church with over a hundred children and their leaders representing the Presbyterial. Mrs. G. L. Wallace, Children's Secretary on Council Executive, gave a splendid talk, illustrated on the flannel board, of a child's life in Africa.

Gamebridge—The semi-annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in the Presbyterian Church, when Mrs. G. L. Wallace, Toronto, Children's Secretary, was the guest speaker.

North Bay Presbyterial—North Bay—Mrs. Forbes Tilley, an outstanding worker in Knox Church and president of the Presbyterial, was honoured recently by the Evening Auxiliary. Mrs. Tilley is a charter member of the Auxiliary which was organized eighteen years ago as a Young Women's Auxiliary.

Orangeville—Grand Valley—The annual children's rally was held in Knox Church with a good representation of Missions Bands and Explorer Groups from Orangeville. Mr. Gordon Attrell of Toronto told the life story of Jesus with the use of lantern slides.

Hillsburg—The Willing Workers Mission Band of St. Andrew's Church celebrated their 60th anniversary. This was the first Mission Band organized in the Presbyterial and Mrs. C. W. McMurchy, a charter member of the first Band, was present. The address was given by Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary, Toronto.

Saugeen Presbyterial—Drayton—The Presbyterial meeting was held in Knox Church. Sixteen Life Memberships were reported representing nearly every Auxiliary. Miss Helen Horne, Recording Secretary of Council, whose father was a former pastor in Elora, took as her topic ''Strengthening Stakes and Lengthening Cords''.

Toronto West Presbyterial—Toronto—At a joint supper meeting of the Gordon MacPherson and John Wilkie Auxiliaries held in Chalmers Church, Miss Frieda Matthews and Mrs. A. S. Curr gave most interesting reports of the annual meeting of the Synodical Society held in Belleville. Miss Matthews covered the work being done in Canada and told of the ''advance'' programme in Canada, while Mrs. Curr reported on the overseas programme.

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BROCKVILLE Presbyterial — **Winchester**—The Agnes Glassford Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, was hostess to members from the Auxiliaries of

Morrisburg, Morewood, Cardinal and Chesterville. Mrs. Wilfred McKercher presided and the devotions, ''The Stewardship Hope Chest'', were taken by members of Winchester Auxiliary. Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta, President of Ottawa Presbyterial, was the guest speaker, and took as her subject ''Cathedrals'', adapting different features of a chapel to human life.

Glengarry Presbyterial — Vankleek Hill—The annual rally of Glengarry Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, Mrs. G. S. Lloyd presided at all sessions. The theme of the rally was ''By my spirit, saith the Lord''. Mrs. Harcourt Emra, Synodical President, brought greetings from the Synodical Society and Mrs. A. W. Pae, President of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., brought greetings and had charge of an interesting discussion period. Mrs. Pae, with her thorough knowledge of all phases of the National and Overseas missionary work, made a strong appeal for home and foreign workers and funds, and outlined the great opportunities for service open to all.

Mrs. A. J. Wilkes gave a summarized report of the Synodical meeting at Brockville. The district presidents and departmental secretaries under ''Diversities of Operations'' revealed many different methods for advancement and achievement. Reverend A. Gordon Faraday of Vankleek Hill addressed the closing session.

Maxville—Members of St. John's Evening Auxiliary were guests of Maxville Auxiliary on June 6th. A programme was presented by the Cornwall Auxiliary, which staged the pageant ''Footsteps on the Sands of Time'', depicting five eras of W.M.S. work from 1864 to the present.

Ottawa Presbyterial—Aylmer, Que.—St. Andrew's one of the first Auxiliaries formed in the Presbytery, quietly celebrated its 65th anniversary, by the members paying tribute to those who had laid the foundations of missionary work so well.

Manotick — A successful sectional meeting was held in Manotick with Auxiliaries from Vernon, Kars, Gloucester and Richmond represented, at which 75 were present. Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta was in the chair, and gave an address ''Gleanings from the Pre-Assembly Congress held in Montreal.''

Ottawa—St. Giles Auxiliary, held a very successful annual Home Helpers meeting with 75 present. Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta gave an interesting talk ''On Wings to Scotland'', describing her recent trip, and telling of conditions in the old land. Mrs. F. Shouldice, Presbyterial Home Helpers Secretary, brought greetings and a kindly message to the Home Helpers.

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The Koreans in Japan

BY WILLIAM C. KERR

The following article by Dr. William C. Kerr comes from the hand of one who knows the Korean people and the history of the Church in Korea and the Korean Church in Japan as perhaps no one else does to-day. Dr. Kerr served in Korea under the Presbyterian Church in the United States for eight years then was transferred to the Japan Presbyterian Mission in Korea where he worked among the Japanese resident in that country. His knowledge of the Korean and Japanese languages enables him to perform informal liaison service as an interpreter between missionaries and officials and between Koreans and Japanese. In 1935 he was decorated by the Japanese Emperor with the Fourth Order of the Sacred Treasurer, for promoting international understanding. After the outbreak of the war he was interned for six months and then returned to the United States on the ''Gripsholm''. Two months after the Japanese surrender he sailed for Tokyo to resume liaison service. At present he serves as an official in the Department of Cultural and Religious Affairs in Japan. At the time of the delegation's visit to Japan in September 1948, Dr. Kerr gave us invaluable assistance. We still seek his advice in our relationship with the Koreans and consider him as one of the greatest friends of the Koreans in Japan and a valued friend of the delegation.

—L. K. Pelton.

THE modern period of Korean immigration into Japan covers the past half century. However, the story of migrations between Korea and Japan takes the student back to the early days of the Christian era.

These migrations were due to the geographical nearness of the two lands and to the fact that both had been settled in part by kindred invaders from the southern seas. While the bulk of migration was by Japanese to Korea with both peaceful and warlike intent, there was at the same time even in those days a small influx of Koreans in Japan.

From China the Koreans had been receiving the Confucian gifts of government and literature and the Buddhist contributions of religion and of industrial and fine arts. It was now Korea's turn to mediate this civilization to Japan. In the fifth and sixth centuries numerous scholars, priests and artists from Korea settled in Japan. Some of them were Korean citizens and others were Chinese exiles who had fled to Korea from the troubled conditions in their own land. From that time onward they played an important part in the cultural development of Japan. Hopes have been entertained in modern times that Korea would be Christianized and help in the conversion of the rest of Asia. In that connection it is interesting to note that it was largely the missionary labours of Korea long centuries ago that turned Japan into a Buddhist land.

When the Mongols attempted to invade Japan late in the thirteenth century it was with the assistance of a Korean armada. By defeating this attempt Japan escaped the threat of an armed occupation from the north that would doubtless have brought in its train immigration from Korea.

In 1592 Japan's greatest warrior, Hideyoshi, invaded Korea with the idea of extending his rule over both Korea and China. Though he failed, he left Korea in a state of ruin from which it never fully recovered. As a climax to this time of disaster multitudes of Korea's best artisans were taken forcibly to Japan, where they became Japan's tutors in the arts, particularly pottery, for which Japan later became famous. The descendants of these workers were absorbed into the Japanese population to such an extent that, although traces of them can be found here and there, they do not exist as a separate element.

The presence of a separate and distinct Korean population dates from about 1900. Korean students, eager for a wider training than they could get in their own land, began coming to Japan in increasing numbers. But in far greater numbers came day labourers to help in Japan's industrialization. In Korea, which had not yet reached that stage, there was an excess of workers who could be drained off to meet Japan's pressing need. Especially did this become true after the annexation of Korea in 1910. These Korean labourers worked well and for less wages than the Japanese workmen. At its peak the Korean population of Japan must have come close to two million, of whom 95% were labourers.

So great were their numbers that some anxiety was felt lest they get beyond the control of the authorities. When the great earthquake of 1923 levelled Tokyo and Yokohama fantastic rumors spread that there was to be a Korean invasion to take advantage of the disaster. In an absolutely unwarranted frenzy the Japanese attacked and killed large numbers of inoffensive Koreans, thus adding to the bitter feelings that had already grown to serious proportions between the two peoples. Individually, however, friendships were made during the years, and some 150,000 intermarriages took place.

During the second World War a few Koreans were admitted to the Japanese armed forces. A great deal more man-power, however, was recruited for labour battalions, some of which were sent to the battle fronts and some of which were scattered all through the industrial centres of Japan.

With the end of the war came a great shift of population. The Japanese settlers in Korea were forced to leave that country and return to their native land. No such compulsion was brought to bear on the Koreans in Japan. They were encouraged to leave, to be sure, and it was made plain that those who remained in Japan would be subject to Japanese law and not in the same status as the allied nationals. Perhaps half of the Koreans returned to their homeland at that time. Some had no homes and no livelihood to which to return. Others had intermarried with Japanese and raised families that were more Japanese than Korean. Some who went to Korea found conditions too difficult and were smuggled back. Statistics say that at present there are in Japan 273,370 men, 105,953 women and 232,435 children. It is generally agreed, however, that actually the number is more nearly a million. The excess over what the statistics show are either not registered or are falsely registered as Japanese.

Since the end of the war the Korean populace on the whole has not made itself welcome in Japan. Breaking away from their previous repressions and mindful of past indignities, real or fancied, many of them have formed gangs and terrorized even the police. Blackmarketing is rampant. Separate Korean schools, because of fostering nationalist and racial feelings, joining in communist movements and refusing to abide by regulations, have been ordered to close. Communism finds a fertile field among these people. They are a noticeable element in parades carrying red flags. The largest league has had to be suppressed because of political and other excesses and terrorism.

This state of affairs is hardly what the majority of the Koreans would naturally have chosen. They have found living conditions difficult, they have met with some adverse discrimination in the rationing of work materials, and they do not have family connections in the countryside from whom they can get supplies needed in addition to the meagre rations.

Many are engaged in legitimate enterprise, such as the manufacture of electric light bulbs, rubber shoes and soap. Until the economic situation can be stabilized conditions will continue bad. But even improvement in economic conditions will not bring the millenium. A moral and spiritual foundation must be supplied. This is the opportunity and the responsibility of the Christian Church. Can the Church answer this challenge?

The Church in Korea early became concerned for the students who were flocking to Japan. Young Men's Christian Association workers and student pastors were the first to be despatched to minister to their needs. A Mission to work for the entire Korean population was started with the transfer of Dr. L. L. and Mrs. Young from Korea in 1927. Other workers followed. Under this missionary leadership churches were quickly established, pastors were installed and a Presbytery was established. This part of the history need not be recounted here.

With the oncoming of the war the missionaries had to leave Japan. Of the Korean pastors, seven returned to their homeland, five were imprisoned and two were left at liberty but assigned to factory work. Of those who were imprisoned one died in confinement, one died after release, two are now chaplains with the Korean armed forces and the where-abouts of one is not known. The Korean churches were compelled to join the united Church of Christ in Japan. They feel that they received little from this forced union with the Japanese Christians whose energies were absorbed in their own problems. Toward the end of the war came the bombings and burnings in which the Korean churches suffered the fate of the cities in which they were located. The destroyed churches and meeting places numbered 29, 11 of them in Tokyo alone. Only eight church buildings remained intact of all the Korean churches in Japan.

After the war the congregations began to come together again. At first four pastors ministered to them. One of these is a Japanese who, through long service for the Koreans in Korea, has come to identify himself with them, to speak the language as though born to it, and to perform a very acceptable ministry. Six evangelists have helped the pastors to take some care of the scattered Christian communities. The churches are united under a General Assembly.

After a long wait for renewed contacts with the Church abroad they were rewarded with a visit by a delegation from The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and then in 1949 were able to welcome again to their ranks missionaries in the persons of Dr. and Mrs. Young and Mr. and Mrs. Rumball. The whole Church has recently been saddened by the passing of Dr. Young. One comfort to them is that his last resting-place is with them, and not across the wide waters.

Almost all of the Christian work for Koreans is under the General Assembly. However, there are a few other congregations under the Holiness and Disciples Churches. While the majority of members are of Presbyterian extraction, the General Assembly is considered a united Church, embracing those of any denomination that will join. There are departments of management, evangelism, education and finance. They have republished an edition of 4,500 copies of their Hymnal, the bulk of which went to Korea where hymnals were scarcely to be had. From the American Bible Society they have received 3,000 copies of the New Testament, and from the British and Foreign Bible Society 1,000 copies of the complete Bible. There are ten theological students attending Japanese seminaries and ministering to churches at the same time.

The churches have a fraternal relationship with the Japanese churches, but no organic connection. They look to the time when they may be a part of the Church in Korea. Three representatives are just on the point of making a trip to Korea for the purpose of recruiting pastors for vacant pulpits and cementing relations with the Christian forces in the homeland.

The Tokyo congregations have united in worship at the building of the Korean Y.M.C.A. which was not injured during the war. Because of lack of finances, the Y.M.C.A. itself is not carrying on an extensive programme as yet. Following the rules of the International Y.M.C.A., the Tokyo Association is affiliated with the Japanese National Y.M.C.A.

The General Assembly statistics show 15 churches, 4 pastors, 6 evangelists, 26 elders, 74 deacons, 726 adult members, 333 infant members, Sunday School enrollment 790, Young People's Associations membership 397, Women's Societies membership 370, Sunday morning average attendance 910 and total Christian community 2,000 plus. The churches run from Tokyo west through the main island and then south into Kyushu. Most are in the Osaka region. There is one Christian night school in Kyoto.

The new Korean ambassador to Japan is Dr. Hugh Heung-Wu Cynn, former Y.M.C.A. secretary and principal of a Christian academy in Seoul. He is a man of stalwart Christian character, and his presence in Tokyo should help the Christian cause. At a reception tendered to him shortly after his arrival he expressed his oneness of purpose with the members.

The General Assembly feels the challenge of its present opportunity. At the same time it feels itself weak in leadership and finances and in need of co-operation from the Church abroad. Though the Korean churches in Korea and the Japanese churches in Japan have received much help from North America, the Korean churches in Japan have fallen between the two. They are very grateful for the restoration of connections with The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and they look to this sister church and to the Foreign Missions Conference of North America to give concrete help in church reconstruction and church work and pioneer evangelism. In Tokyo among 84,100 Koreans there are only 110 Christians belonging to the General Assembly churches, in Kyoto among 44,993 only 315, and in Osaka among 172,600 only 310. These figures force them to look beyond their own members for the co-operating hand.

They plan to restore the burned churches, except where amalgamation will work for efficiency. In Tokyo, for example, only one church building is planned for at present as against the eleven congregations formerly existent in the city. They plan to evangelize Korean communities where no Christian work is being done at present. North of Tokyo there are many places that should be occupied. They are asking for more pastors from Korea, as there are still not enough trained workers to be found in Japan. They hope for the coming of more missionaries, not only to take the places of Dr. and Mrs. Young but to fill other necessary posts.

They wish to establish a church paper which will counteract with its constructive spiritual message the influence of a Korean language communist paper that is distributed to the whole Korean community, whether subscribers or not.

They visualize the establishment of social welfare agencies and institutions that will help to solve the economic difficulties of their compatriots. They see the need for schools that will train for Christian life and service the children who will one day go back to serve the homeland. They do not want to merge themselves in the Japanese population nor in a non-Christian mass. As Koreans, as Christian Koreans, they feel that God has laid a responsibility upon them which at present they cannot carry alone. For these reasons they hope for more aid from the Canadian Church in personnel and material, at the same time promising to do all that lies in their own power coupled with a greater Power on high.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada has a field in Japan where there is a minimum of competition and a maximum of opportunity. "Come over into Macedonia and help us", sounds a whole-hearted invitation from the Korean Church in Japan.

EDITORIAL

At the time this editorial is being written, there is indication on all sides of great testing for our physical strength, for our courage and for our faith. The forces of evil seem to be gaining ground on the field of battle and in the various courts representing world government. Perhaps we ask why this is allowed to be—why are so many people still suffering from the evils of men—why does not God allow peace to reign over the earth and do away with the forces which are against Him and the real welfare of mankind? The answer lies with each one of us. Perhaps never before has the individual Christian had more responsibility for the welfare of all mankind than he or she has right now. The future pattern of world living and thinking depends upon how completely our lives are dedicated to Christ and to His Way of Life.

The World Convention of Christian Education was as a mirror held before the eyes of the Christians of the Western world. We saw ourselves as the people of Europe, Africa and Asia saw us and the reflection was not a flattering one. We saw that we have been making only token gestures of our allegiance to the Christian faith, that we have not made the Cross the centre of all our living. Even our missionary enterprises, worthwhile as they have been, are not evidence enough of the faith we have in the Christian Gospel. To see how these thoughts were stated and restated at that great Convention, we ask you to read the excerpts from the main speeches made by leaders in the Christian Church in the world. They are found in this issue.

With these thoughts in mind we commend to you again the general programme of advance in missions being carried on by our Church and by the W.M.S. Please note the several articles in this issue which tell of results of more modern techniques being used on the mission fields. This work needs your support in a material way and your prayers.

Of particular interest to us right now is the story by Dr. William C. Kerr, *The Koreans In Japan.* Dr. Kerr wrote this piece for *The Glad Tidings.* He has given to us generously of his time and of his knowledge of the people among whom our Church has established missionary work. When you read the article, save it for future reference and study. If you wish a copy sent to a friend who might be interested in this phase of our work, we have had extra pages of this article printed and we would be glad to supply copies on request. We are grateful and deeply indebted to Dr. Kerr for this story. We can best repay him by our continued interest and further support of mission work among the Korean people in Japan.

Presbyterian Missionary Work 1950

A brief glimpse at letters from the field to our Overseas and National Secretaries and to the Editor.

WE have looked back, in time, to the beginning of Women's missionary work in our Church. We have seen the devotion to the Master and the faith in Him of those who heard His commandment given long ago. Now let us have a brief look at what is going on in various parts of the world as a result of our interest in Christian missions. We share with you excerpts from letters and reports which have come to our desks in the past few weeks.

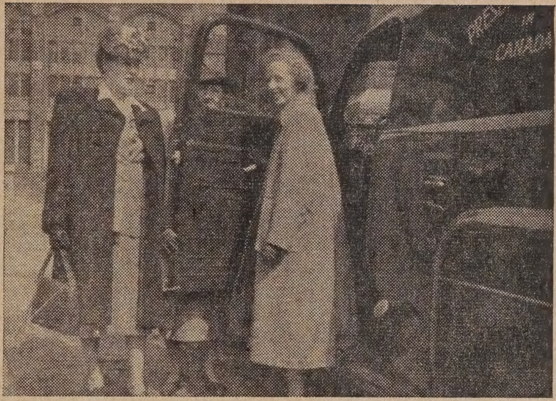
The Mission of the Vans—Saskatchewan—I. Scott, F. Whiteford

The highlight of this initial trip was to a country home eight miles west of the village of Frenchman Butte, a distance of thirty-one miles off the highway. Two years ago a man from this district had been a patient in a Saskatoon City Hospital. He had been visited at that time by a member of the Women's Missionary Society who supplied your workers with his name from her records. To reach this home meant driving over the thirty-one miles of dirt road and a very hilly and winding road. It was necessary, too, to cross the North Saskatchewan river on a ferry. On reaching this home it was discovered that this man, his wife, and two sons lived in a mere shack along the river flats. While their dwelling place was very humble, and provided little in the way of comfort, their welcome was sincere and a very warm one. In the course of conversation during the evening it was learned that, except for the immediate neighbours, your representatives were the first visitors in this home in *forty* years. This man and his wife had come from Nebraska and settled on that piece of land while the Indians possessed most of the land in that area. It was difficult for these folk to realize that The Presbyterian Church had come into their home by means of a new and modern conveyance but they were most grateful for such a visit and no doubt will be thinking it all out in the days following.

This was not the only home to which the Van took the witness of The Presbyterian Church for the first time but it was a unique experience and privilege for your two servants labouring in Northern Saskatchewan.

The Mission of the Vans—Alberta—A. Hislop, A. McLeod

In the scattered rural areas surrounding Rocky Mountain House our Church has had little or no work for several years. We are en-



Mrs. Pae and Agnes McLeod with the Van, before leaving Toronto.

deavouring to ascertain the extent to which we may serve the people.

In one district about twenty miles south of the town, the Reverend H. G. Marsh holds a service in the school on the first Sunday of each month, and ''Sunday School'' each Wednesday. We have been given charge of the week day work for the summer.

In the sparsely settled area to the north of town we have made twenty calls. After talking with parents, trustees and teacher we have arranged to go to the school for ''Sunday School'' on Friday afternoons. The majority of the children there have had almost no Christian instruction.

In both of these schools, as well as others, we are planning to have Vacation Church Schools. Arrangements have been made for us to be at the Intermediate Girls' Camp at Camp Kannawin.

On May 24th our van was used to advantage when seven of us travelled to Camp Kannawin for a work day.

There are many opportunities to open up a wider sphere of service, and when we see so many people without the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it is a challenge to us to carry the witness of our Church to them so that they too, may know the abundant life.

Japan Can Teach

The world would be the better for
Two lessons
That Japan can teach:—
The purity of beauty
In simplicity:
The loyalty
And chivalry of each to each
Which make our country
One great family.

—Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, Songs from the Land of Dawn,
—*Friendship Press.*

Report of a Daily Vacation Bible School, Berbice, British Guiana

BY EILEEN BUDHOO, BIBLEWOMAN, BRITISH GUIANA

IT is with great pleasure that I forward to you a brief report of a Daily Vacation Bible School—the first of its kind in the district of Letter Kenny, Corentyne, Berbice, where I am employed. The school was held in the month of April, from the 11th to the 16th under the supervision of Miss Ethel MacDonald, Berbice County Missionary (a missionary of the Woman's Missionary Society, Eastern Division).

There was an average attendance of 40, comprising boys and girls from three neighbouring districts; a few teen-age girls attended this school from a distance of three miles. Special mention should be made of Miss Jane Ramlall, a newly converted girl. She voluntarily gave her help in our school.

A simple and practical programme was followed each day. The day began with morning devotions, prayer, Psalms and a half hour singing period. The theme was: ''The Bible, the Word of God'', Bible memorization was one of the main accomplishments of the school. The children, attending the first school of this kind, were anxious to learn as much as possible in order to further their knowledge in the Word of God. It was a real thrill to hear the children singing the hymns and choruses which they had been taught.

At the closing, the children demonstrated what they had accomplished in their school. All present were simply amazed to see what they were able to do in so short a time.

We need your prayers so that God will open a way for leaders to continue in this work in order to nurture these young lives in their tender years to grow in Grace and Knowledge of our Lord and Saviour.

Daily Vacation Bible School, Berbice, British Guiana

Dedication of the First Bunnan Church—Formosa

BY REVEREND JAMES DICKSON

—Photo by James Dickson
The first Bunnan Church

ON May 16, the first church to be built by the people of the Bunnan Tribe was opened for worship. The head man of the village was the leading spirit in the building of this church. A year ago, he was persuaded to attend a Bible conference which was held for one week at the Giok-li Church. He attended out of curiosity but went back to his village a firm believer in the Christian faith. Since that time, he has devoted about half of his time to preaching the Gospel, not only in his own village but in surrounding villages. He is a fluent speaker and has an attractive personality. He has won a large number of people to Christ since he became a believer. There are already several villages which are making plans to build churches. Mr. O. Bun-ti, a Formosan pastor who is supported by MacVicar Memorial Church, Montreal, is giving full time to work among the people of

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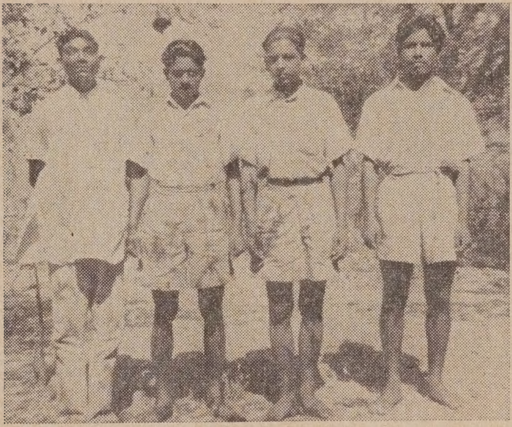
—Photo by James Dickson
The girls learn to sew in three months

Advance in India — A Story of Teacher Training Classes

BY IRENE STRINGER



1949 Training Class.

IT is just over a year since I arrived back in India and the months have passed very quickly. As you know this time I returned not to the Jhansi Field where all my work in India had been previously but to the Bhil Field. When the Mission Council assigned my work to organize Teacher Training courses I must admit I very reluctantly agreed. My work had always been in the Girls' School, with girls and women and suddenly to be told I was to work with men seemed terrifying. The Training classes were to be for young men and besides that I was to have charge of the village schools where all eight teachers were men.

However, when the work actually began in July, it was not quite as bad as I expected though I think the masters were as doubtful about working with a new and strange Miss Sahib as I was about them. I found them all very co-operative and very willing to do all they could to improve their schools. During the rainy season I could not get around to the various schools because of bad roads, so I spent part of the time finding out about Training School work, getting books and syllabi and planning the work for the coming months. I also visited the Teacher Training class for young women at Nasirabad, run by the Scotch Presbyterian Mission. They gave me invaluable help, loaned me books, sent me copies of the curriculum and of all the government examinations and indeed still continue their help.

On August the fifteenth the class opened with four young men, all with matriculation, enrolled. We followed all year as far as possible the Government Training School curriculum. Three of the young men lived in or near Amkhut so the classes were held there and for the main practice teaching the Amkhut school was the centre. The Sardi, Mendha and Jobat schools were also used. Each time I visited the schools, the students went too, and taught in the classes there. Then in March they went into the different schools for a full month's work while the masters from those schools came in for a two weeks' course held in Jobat. In April all passed the examinations in Second Division.

During the year there had been some discussions in the Bhil Work Council. Representatives from all the missions working among Bhils, had thought about the possibility of a Joint Training School for the Bhil area. As a result of this discussion this year in July we have begun a short three month course for village teachers to run concurrently with the full year course. As many of the village schools are closed during the months of July to October, so that the children can help during the busy season on the farm, it was decided to have the class during this time. The class was to be held in Jobat as there were living accommodations there for outside students and also because the Bible School was held there and some of the classes of both groups could be combined. This class began in Jobat on July 4th, with four masters enrolled. One of these is Ayyub master from our own school in Sardi, the other three are from the United Church of Canada Mission, one from the Ratlam area, one from the Banswara area and one from the Mandeleshwar district. In the Full Year Course five young men are enrolled all from our own mission so we should have new teachers for the next year.

We have classes on Principles of Education, Methods of Teaching, Subject Matter of the School Curriculum, Handwork and Flannelgraph work, School Gardens, Bible Study and Psychology five days a week from eight to eleven.

The account of the work does not perhaps sound very interesting but it has proved interesting work. The only way it seems to get teachers for our school in this Bhil area is to train them ourselves so the class is fulfilling a real need. All our schools are at the present short staffed and we cannot raise the standard of the schools or open new ones for lack of teachers. We hope with the class now in training some advance work can be done on their graduation. There is too, an increasing need for teachers in the Government schools and our Christian boys are welcomed. We were pleased that in the report given for the Government Schools in this area last year, two of our young men were mentioned as having the best results in their village school. Again and again we hear the admission that the Christian teachers are more capable and more conscientious in their work. As long as that is true there will be a place for them in the Government schools. If we can get the right kind of young men into these villages other avenues of mission work will be opened up.

Camps 1950

Camp Kannawin—by Joan Inglis, Calgary

Camp Kannawin.

CAN you picture yourself getting up with the dawn to catch the bus leaving at 6 a.m. for Camp? Can you picture yourself enjoying camp life with as friendly a group of comrades as you have ever met? Can you picture yourself in the cool of the evening singing around a camp fire?

The 32 members from Calgary and Edmonton, who attended the second annual Presbyterian Women's Camp at Camp Kannawin, Sylvan Lake, Alberta, on July 1st and 2nd unanimously agreed that it be held again next year and that the Camp Committee, Miss Athalie Read, Miss Molly Harback and Miss Margaret McLagan, deserved great credit for making the 1950 one such a success.

Miss Connie Muldoon of Edmonton, in the two study periods, spoke on ''Foundations'' and ''Spiritual Help for Every Day Problems''. The church service at 11 o'clock on Sunday, held in front of the Lodge overlooking the lake, was particularly impressive. Miss Marjorie MacKay, deaconess at Lethbridge, directed our thoughts to the text, ''Come ye yourselves apart . . . and rest awhile''.

Seven deaconesses and student deaconesses attended. Miss Agnes Hislop and Miss Agnes McLeod drove the Presbyterian van from Rocky Mountain House. Mrs. George Metcalfe and Mrs. A. Barroll of the Synodical Board also attended.

All agreed it was a wonderful opportunity of getting together with members of other groups in fellowship, fun and worship and of personal contact with our deaconesses. One recruit to camp life was heard making a date with herself to be back again next year.

We sang around the camp fire on the lake shore and watched the westering sun cast a long golden shaft across the lake until the time to catch our bus finally arrived, and reluctantly we left for the city with the words of Isaiah still lingering in our ears, ''Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee''.

Peace Memorial Camp—by Muriel Judd, Montreal

The theme of the Intermediate Girls' Camp at Peace Memorial, Lancaster, Ontario, was "Outdoors with God". It was the thought underlying Morning Praise, Bible Study groups, Vespers and Cabin Devotions. The leaders attempted to teach the girls the revelation of God in the world of nature, and in His Son, Jesus Christ.

The following special events were greatly enjoyed: Attendance at church services in Lancaster both Sundays. Members of the Astronomical Society in Montreal came out one evening with three telescopes, through which we saw the moon and stars, afterwards lantern slides of the universe were shown. A Christmas party, complete with decorated trees, carols and Santa Claus; campers gave small gifts to Santa for distribution to a mission. We saw many of the world's wonders by means of Viewmaster reels and other pictures. We also heard musical recordings presented by Dr. Harold Reid.

Peace Memorial Camp.

The handcraft periods featured leatherwork under the experienced leadership of Mrs. Helen Reid. The campers made three or four leather articles, as well as several other things.

In addition to the above, the camp programme included swimming, games, singing, campfires, an amateur night and so on. All in all it was a very happy camp with very fine leadership and co-operation on the part of leaders, camp staff and campers, and last but not least by any means, delicious and satisfying meals.

Week-end Adult Camp—Lily M. Macarthur

There is real encouragement in the evidence of increased interest in the Labour Day Week-end Adult Camp held at Peace Memorial Camp, September 1-4. In 1949 the attendance was 5; this year it was 21.

Reverend Gordon Faraday was Director. Reverend James Clarke told of the inspiration, and fellowship experienced at the World Convention of Christian Education and at the Institute which preceded the Convention. Also he explained and discussed the new study book for the young people of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, *The Church of Jesus Christ,* which was ''planned by the young people and written by our ministers''. As Reverend James Munro told of conditions in this land and of the need and response of people in overseas fields, everyone felt rebuked that we, as individual church members, had been so selfish and so luke-warm. One believes several sincerely asked: ''Lord what wilt Thou have me to do?''

The Children's Work Secretary told of some of the emphasis and findings of the International Children's Work Conference held in Toronto, August 7-9. Methods of teaching children in Church School and in mid-week groups also had a place in the camp programme.

On Sunday afternoon there was a re-dedication service in the new out-door chapel. Seventy-five or more people from the surrounding country shared in the service. The beauty of the surroundings, the praise and prayer, the messages from the Scripture, and the witness of the ministers who conducted the service all contributed to the consciousness of the presence of God, and to a sincere ''re-dedication of our life, our talents and our possessions to the work of Jesus Christ and of His Kingdom.''

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this tribe. He is now engaged in translating the Gospel of Matthew into Bunnan Romanized.

With financial support from E.C.A., we are teaching sewing to Aboriginal girls in five different places. The sewing machines and teachers' salaries are paid for by E.C.A. Within three months they are able to make their own clothes and the unit is then moved to another village.

Bride's School

BY HAZEL REAVELEY

ONE of the most exacting challenges that has come before the Church in India has been the Christian Mass Movement — times when in the villages people have come in groups or in whole villages or groups of villages seeking to enter the Christian Church. Such mass movements have been the subject of some controversy. It is questionable that they have often been handled with sufficient insight and wisdom. In many places lack a vigorous policy, lack of both missionary and Indian personnel, lack of vision and lack of perseverance has meant that the movement sputtered out. But where intensive teaching has been followed through over a reasonable period of time there is gradually emerging from among the mass movement Christians a ''pukka'' Christian community.

Such communities face a variety of major problems. One such problem which deeply affects the basic fabric of the community is that of marriage arrangements. Christian boys who have been given the opportunity for at least a middle school education find in their middle or late teens that they are tied by marriage arrangements made in childhood to an illiterate Hindu wife. Usually these arrangements have been made years before, prior to the time that their community had come under the influence of intensive Christian teaching. Customs having to do with the fundamental fabric of society have a tight hold in the Indian community. These marriage arrangements once made and allowed to stand over a period of time are next to impossible to break. For the young Christian community they present a dangerous pull back into Hinduism.

In one thriving Christian community this problem is being answered in a very sound and matter of fact manner. The answer is a Bride's School. It is not the product of any premediated plan but grew out of the rebellion of one Christian young man who refused to accept the Hindu wife to whom he had been bound. He had stubbornly resisted all efforts on the part of his family to get him to attend his own wedding and in the end he was married by proxy. Not only was his wife illiterate but she was timid and unattractive. He would have nothing to do with her. In final desperation he brought her to the missionary. It was the same old story but the missionary was deeply disturbed by the boy's bitter resentment. His timid Hindu wife shrinking behind him disturbed her too. This situation individualized spelled heartache and tragedy for the couple — multiplied it struck at the foundation of the Christian home. The missionary decided to take the girl in to her own bungalow and see that she was taught. The girl's husband did not come back and it was some time later that he was finally persuaded to pay her a visit. He was astonished at the change. The timid wife he had left there some months before was now able to read and understand Hindi. It had turned out that she had a quick and ready mind. The timidity was rapidly disappearing replaced by a new and growing poise. The boy's bitterness gave way to pride. His visits became more frequent. In a short time a genuine love and respect for one another had grown between the two. This girl has since experienced conversion. She is still at the school, now in her fourth year, studying fifth grade and at the same time taking a course in midwifery at the local hospital. When the course is completed she will return to the village with her husband.

There are at present twenty-three girls in the school. It is managed by a young Indian woman, one of a staff of three, who teach and care for the girls. She has behind her fifteen years of experience as an evangelistic worker in the villages from which these girls have come. She is well versed in the village tongue, the customs and ways of their home environment. Above all, she possesses that rare essential—an all-absorbing devotion to her task. Because of the peculiar difficulties this school faces it takes such qualities in the leader to achieve the desired results.

All of the girls who enter the school are still in their teens—mostly fifteen or sixteen. All are Hindus and all are illiterate. The school curriculum is simple. The girls do all their own cooking, washing, sewing, housecleaning—everything pertaining to a clean and well run home. They follow the academic curriculum taught in the primary schools. This includes mathematics, learning to read, write and speak Hindi, and lessons in hygiene. They are also given daily systematic Bible teaching. It is aimed to bring every girl to the place of a sound Christian conversion and that place has already been reached by many of them. The course covers from three to four years and during this period of time the girls live at the school *all the year round* — part of the secret of the thorough job this school is doing. Their husbands, teen-agers too, are still attending school at various places finishing their education. They have voluntarily left their wives at the Brides' School eager that they should become Christian and literate. Until the husband has completed his own education he is not ready to take his wife home. A few of the husbands are not attending school, but they are willing to leave their brides here for a period of time rather than to have for life a wife who remains illiterate and a Hindu. Some of the girls have small babies and at present the school has not the facilities to handle little children (at present there are only two children at the school). However, a hostel in the process of being built will include a nursery for the babies, and there will appear on the curriculum a course in child care.

There is one girl in the school who is there because her Christian husband deserted her. She has a lame foot and her husband was very much ashamed of his crippled wife. In giving her testimony she said that even though her husband had deserted her she was glad she had been married to a Christian—the reason—because of her marriage she had ended up at the Bride's School and there she had found Jesus Christ.

To their warm Christian environment these girls have made a quick response that has been high encouragement to those who care for them. The miracle of His touch is apparent in every girl in the school, even those who have not yet realized a full experience of His love. The school itself is a God given answer to what seemed a problem that had no satisfactory solution. It is building into this Christian community a deep foundation for strong Christian homes.

This school is located in Buxar, Bihar. It was organized four years ago by Miss Mabel Sheldon an outstanding evangelist with the American Methodist Mission. The Indian manager is Miss Shanti Badri.

Thanksgiving Prayer

We Thank Thee, Lord, and not alone
For gold or gladness, full success,
For wealth that we have called our own—
The faith, the love, the happiness;
But for the sorrow and the smart,
The failure and the striving vain,
The song we carolled in our heart
When our poor lips were dumb with pain.

Not for accomplishment complete,
Not for the care-free, guarded way,
Not for the paths of peace our feet
Have found, we thank Thee, Lord, to-day;
But for the highway's dust and din,
For perilous places safely passed
For every brier of doubt and sin
Which clutched, but dare not hold us fast.

For all Thy patience through the years—
The years that come, the years that go;
Thy patience with our faults, our fears,
Dear Lord, we thank Thee, kneeling low.

—Jean Blewett.

Staff Changes

Regional Secretaries

THE appointment of a new Regional Secretary has just been announced to Council Executive. She is Miss Margaret McNaughton, B.A. of Briercrest, Saskatchewan. Miss McNaughton is a graduate of the University of Toronto and of the Missionary and Deaconess Training School. Since her graduation she has been serving as deaconess in Grace Church, Calgary. The new Regional Secretary, through experience in her own church life and in her deaconess work in Calgary, has become acquainted with various organizations within the Church. Her duties on the Women's Missionary Society staff begin immediately.

It has been known for some time that Miss Ruby Walker has been moved from her regional work in Manitoba and Saskatchewan to do similar work in Ontario. Miss Walker will begin her new work early this fall and the three eastern Synodicals will have her assistance. Miss Walker's successful work in the West is very well known to W.M.S. women and to ministers of the Church. She will be welcomed by all groups in Ontario.

Miss Ross with children in Vancouver.

Teachers in Indian Schools

The Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society has announced the appointment of two new teachers to Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School. Each of the new appointees is familiar in W.M.S. work both in the Eastern and Western Divisions. Both are qualified teachers from their home provinces. Miss Helen Ross is a native of Chesley, Ontario. Since her graduation from the Missionary and Deaconess Training School she has served as W.M.S. deaconess in various parts of Canada for the past number of years. Her last appointment was assistant to Miss Catherine Watson in the Children's Centre in Vancouver. There she had charge of group work in the Centre and assisted in a church school in Vancouver. She now has charge of the Intermediate class at Cecilia Jeffrey.

Miss Helen Rose's home is Stewiacke, Nova Scotia. She graduated from the Missionary and Deaconess Training School in Toronto in 1949. Since then she has been doing deaconess work in Nova Scotia under the direction of the Eastern Division. Miss Rose will be in charge of the Primary room at Cecilia Jeffrey.

Miss Helen Rose

Peace River Presbyterial . . . First Annual Meeting

WE have been greatly interested in the celebration of the first birthday of our youngest Presbyterial. We give you the story as it has been sent to us from Mrs. M. S. Blackburn, it is quoted from the Grande Prairie *Herald-Tribune*. "The first annual meeting of the Peace River Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society of The Presbyterian Church in Canada was held Tuesday, July 25 at Last Lake. Representatives were present from Fort St. John, Blueberry Mountain, Flying Shot, Grande Prairie, Brownvale, Last Lake, Bear Lake and Dixonville. Mrs. R. A. Davidson was in charge of the meeting.

The opening devotional service was conducted by Mrs. J. Tissington, President of Flying Shot Auxiliary.

Mrs. White of Last Lake, welcomed the delegates and guests to their new church. She told of the growth of the missionary work in that district, giving due credit to the faithful work of deaconesses and ministers.

After the routine business and reports, a discussion was led by Miss Frieda Matthews, National Executive Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society.

Mrs. John Kelman, President of Edmonton Presbyterial, gave a very inspiring address. She pointed out that a group should not be just an organization but it should be an auxiliary of women filled with the spirit of God, bringing others to the Kingdom. She encouraged the women to take time to be holy and to be more in prayer for spirit-filled workers and leaders.

Miss A. Read, Regional Secretary for Alberta, discussed the Handbook for Officers and the Constitution.

Miss A. Stewart, student deaconess, told of the Daily Vacation Bible Schools she and Miss Read are conducting in the Peace River country.

In the evening, a service was held in Brownvale when Miss F. Matthews addressed the Presbytery and the Presbyterial. She told of our extension work overseas and in Canada.

Reverend G. Dobie, Moderator of the Presbytery, installed the new officers: President, Mrs. R. A. Davidson, Grande Prairie; Vice-President, Mrs. R. MacDonald, Blueberry Mountain; Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. Ayre, Grande Prairie; Treasurer, Mrs. N. Swallow, Grande Prairie; Supply Secretary, Mrs. Koellin, Brownvale; *Glad Tidings* Secretary, Mrs. J. Hodges, Grande Prairie; Children's Secretary, Mrs. Sorrenson, Dixonville; Young Women's Secretary, Mrs. H. Magnuson, Grande Prairie; Girls' Organizations Secretary, Mrs. G. Dobie, Fort St. John.

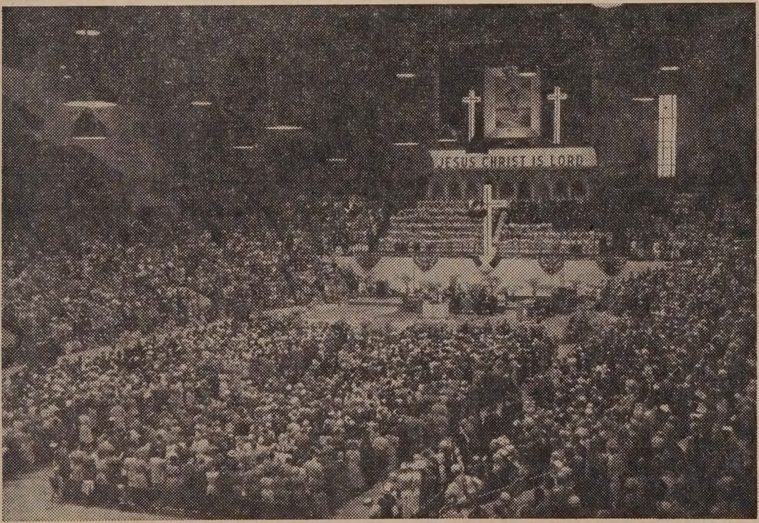
Other news from the Peace River

Miss Athalie Read, regional secretary, accompanied by Miss Annabel Stewart, deaconess in training, have conducted Bible Vacation Schools at Wanham, Blueberry Mountain, Gordondale and Fort St. John, with good attendance in each case. Miss Read says, "Our next school is at Glen Leslie, then we cross the river to Brownvale, Griffin Creek and Dixonville. There are plans in the making for some new organizations." Miss Read and Miss Stewart helped in the R.E.C.A. Camp on Saskatoon Lake. This is an interdenominational camp for young people and there were seventy-two in attendance.

Jesus Christ Teacher and Lord

FROM sixty and more countries they came to work from one to three weeks on the problems facing them as Christian educators. As we viewed the University of Toronto campus in those days, we thought often of the miracle of feeding the five thousand for that was the approximate number of delegates that registered for the World Convention on Christian Education. Five thousand were actually fed with food for the body, food for the mind and food for the soul. And who shall say that it was not the Spirit of the living Christ which made such a meeting possible? As one Chinese lady said one day while expressing her gratitude for an afternoon's entertainment in the Presbyterian Church offices: ''We are so glad to meet you all and to have this fellowship. It is a miracle of Christ that we are here''.

A ''miracle of Christ''—yes it was really just that. For Canadians it was as though we were aboard a magic carpet and were floating quickly from one country to another. We would shake the hand of one lovely little lady in a scarlet sari, then we would turn to greet the Japanese ladies in their lovely pastel dresses traditional in their country. Across the campus we could see the Egyptian gentlemen with their bright red fezes and the Indian men, some in all white, some with close fitting white



Alex Gray

Jesus Christ, Teacher and Lord, was the theme of the World Convention on Christian education. Part of the gathering at the Youth Service of Witness.

leggings and long black coat. It was a colourful gathering, not just in the matter of dress, but the personalities themselves showed how deeply our Christian brothers and sisters across the seas think of the problems facing the Christian Church to-day.

The World Convention delegates considered the principles of Christian education, they studied the purpose and the means of achieving those purposes. They looked at the child, young person and the adult psychologically, physically, mentally. They looked at them in their homes, in the school life and most of all in their Church School life. They considered the teacher and what he and she must have to adequately lead the children and the youth of the world to a knowledge of God. It is impossible to tell you of all the addresses and meetings at this important gathering. We shall give you just the excerpts from sessions which we consider most applicable to the work of education being done or sponsored by members of our own organization.

The Programme of Christian Education for Children—

Dr. Baez-Carmargo

Dr. Gonzalo Baez-Camargo, Mexico, Secretary for Christian Literature of the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America, called for a ‘‘total, well-planned, well-balanced programme of Christian education.

‘‘It must include all the child’s media of experience—home, the world of nature, church, school, nation and the world at large.

‘‘It must provide for all of the child’s stages of development and all of his expanding relationships with persons, self and God.

‘‘It must also touch upon all of the child’s areas of experience, recreation, appreciation, physical activity, study, worship and service.

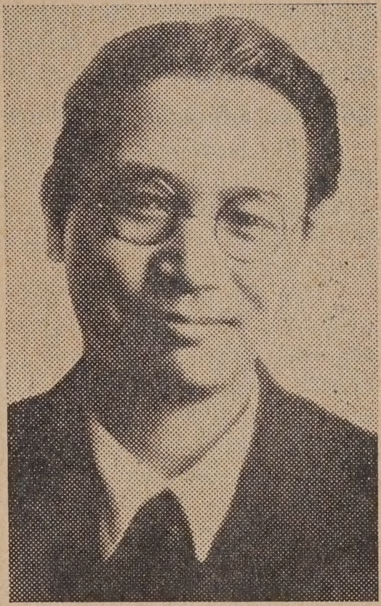
‘‘Christian education does not deal merely with the ‘spiritual’ conceived as a ‘portion’ of man’s personality. Religion has been considered by many as merely a separate item of the person’s multiple activities. Teachers of religion have often thought of their task, consequently, as simply that of attaching a religious supplement to general education. So the programme of Christian education has tended to be lop-sided.

‘‘Classes are only a part of the total programme of Christian education. Sessions of religious instruction are necessary, but it is possible to have an interminable series of classes in religion, with very little of Christian education, or none at all in them.’’

The Victory of Religious Education on the Streets—

Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa

The great Japanese evangelist and writer spoke of his work among the poorer people of Japan’s cities and rural areas. He told of the evangelistic work which was done before the war, among the labouring people of his country. Their first efforts at preaching and teaching on the street corners brought some results but Dr. Kagawa and his associates recognized the fact that educational methods "with unselfish devotion" to the work at hand were the only ways in which permanent results could be obtained.



Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa

Dr. Kagawa spoke of the value of building a Church through the Church school. "Just after the great earthquake in Tokyo in the year 1923, Reverend Yoshiki Kakasaki told me that he was going to organize a church to be constituted of Sunday School students," related the evangelist. "I thought it was a grand idea for I had dreamed about it many years. He started an excellent Sunday School in the suburbs of Tokyo and within 25 years, he built a big church out of Sunday School graduates.

"We observed the same results with our institutional church of Honjo, a district of East Tokyo.

"When our labour church was destroyed by the incendiary bombs from the air, all church members were dispersed throughout Japan. But when we re-established it again, within a year, we were able to re-organize a good church from the Sunday School graduates and the graduates of day nurseries. We did not expect that they would come back in that way. From far distant places, they began to flock together to the old nest.

"Whenever we teach little children the Bible, we must remember four things: prayers, love, labour and interest. The revelation of God comes to children with our prayers but unless we love them, they will never find the truth of Christ and His saving power, for which we must labour and spend our energy". The world-famous Christian leader called on his fellow-Christians to think more earnestly of the thousands of children in all parts of the world who are "in the street", children who have no parents or whose parents do not care what happens to them. He called upon all who have a part to play in Christian education, to bring to their tasks love for the people they serve and prayers that God may be their Guide.

Christian Education of Adults—Dr. Paul H. Vieth

"The more mature Christians will need to take responsibility for the education of the less mature," stated Dr. Paul H. Vieth, professor of Christian nurture, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn. "Even these 'elders' are, themselves constantly in need of an ongoing educational programme."

"In the past, it was our custom to think of education as being primarily for children and young people. This is because we have regarded education as being preparation for life. But education, to be effective, must always be related to the situation and times in which the student lives. If intelligence, rational self-control and competent social guidance are to characterize our civilization, we must have adult education—education which is co-existent with life. Christian education of adults, is likewise a necessary condition to effective Christian education of children and young people.

"Most men and women know little about the Bible and its profound importance in the Christian church and modern life." New insights come with more mature thinking and constant study of the Christian Text book is essential, Dr. Vieth emphasized. He spoke too, of the "broadening experience which may come to one from participation in the life and work of the church. The Church, itself is a vast project of adult education, for by participation on boards and committees, as officers and teachers of the young, as lay evangelists and as contributors, men and women have a constantly increasing understanding and appreciation of the Christian faith."

Christian Education in the Contemporary World—

Dr. W. A. Visser 'T Hooft

Dr. W. A. Visser 'T Hooft, the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, called upon Christian educators to find the middle road between two extremes in thinking of the problems with which they are faced in the contemporary world. He felt that we should neither ignore the things that are going on in the secular world, nor should we adapt ourselves completely to contemporary standards and styles of thinking.

Dr. Visser 'T Hooft spoke of three problems with which Christian education must come to grips. One is a philosophy prevalent in Asia, known as syncretism. This means the mixing of all kinds of religious beliefs. It assumes that belief in Jesus Christ is just one of the many ways of arriving at the truth. Christians who believe in the Gospel as God's revelation for to-day's world, will face this syncretism and emphasize in their Christian teaching the uniqueness of the Gospel and the fact that Jesus Christ is the *centre* of history.

The second problem is communism. "The world has become so small that we can no longer fail to recognize that any doctrine with so large a proportion of humanity under its power is a problem for *everyone* wherever he lives. The seriousness of the communist challenge is that it is based on a deep conviction with a universal and coherent philosophy. We should teach our young people to remember the churches which are coming to grips with communism under totalitarian regimes and let them hear of the witness those churches are making. We should let them know that though Marx predicted that the Church would automatically die out in a fully communist society, because it would no longer be needed by the people, as a matter of fact the exact opposite of this has been the case. Where the Church has really been alive, communism has not been able to kill it.

"The third problem was called by Dr. Visser 'T Hooft, the prevalence in to-day's world—particularly in the West, of the 'religion of success and decency'. This outlook presumes that any faith is all right as long as it works and that it does not matter what you believe as long as you are a decent fellow. This is the religion of the man in the street in the West. It makes him impotent to deal with the vital problems of to-day's world. And this religion of 'success and decency' has penetrated even into our western churches. . . . We must learn to distinguish again between the Church and the world."

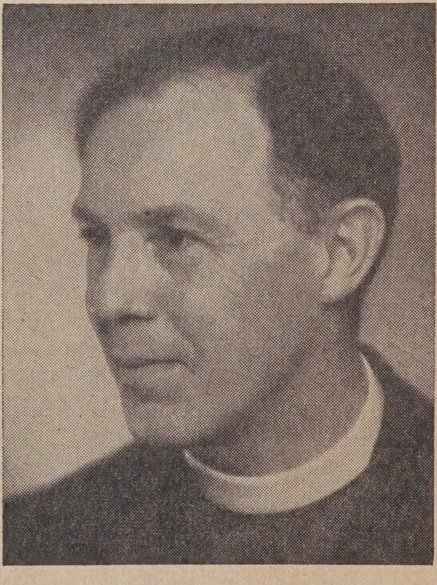
The Crisis of Faith—Dr. Charles Malik

"When the Son of Man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" This question asked so long ago by Jesus Christ was the opening sentence of the address by Dr. Charles Malik, Minister of Lebanon in the United States. "The present phenomena of lack of faith are legion", the minister and U.N. delegate went on. "People are nauseatingly superficial: there is no depth in them. It is inconceivable that the stout men of faith of the past, meeting the typical modern man, with all his cleverness and chatter, will not turn away their faces in disgust. Even the best thinkers cut a sorry figure. They are not lonely enough, they do not walk on those high, cold, icy precipices of which Nietzsche spoke. They are so superficial, so confused, so unconvincing, so unconvinced themselves, so comfortable and happy. The hand of the Lord is not on them.

''People trust machines and external things: they do not trust ideas. They seek action and results: they do not seek a state of mind. They are impatient with reasoned convictions. In place of the spirit of truth, a spirit of harmony with itself because it rests on ideas and principles, they seek sensation and excitement. They hug material things. They hug them as ends in themselves. They have faith in them.

''The present world does not point beyond itself. Its mind is not elsewhere. Its mind is on itself. There is nothing above, nothing beyond, nothing in whose secret presence we are judged. Whatever you can do and get away with it, go ahead and do it. If you are unseen, you are simply unseen. And there is no invisible law, no unseen judge who will surely reward or punish you in secret, whether or not you are seen in the eyes of men. The whole dimension of the invisible, the transcendent, the awesome, the behind and the beyond and the above, the ground and the condition, the original and the remote, the Presence, this whole dimension is practically lost. We seem to live in a flat world of our immediate senses and our pathetic fears. And joy is gone, the wonderful joy of fearing only God and putting the world where it belongs.

''We cannot then say that ours is an age of faith. On the contrary, we must affirm that there is a terrible crisis of faith in the world to-day.''



Bishop Stephen Neill

Here Am I, Send Me—

Bishop Stephen Neill

The final address of the Convention was given by Bishop Stephen C. Neill, Associate General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. We were led to the Cross by him and there shown the only criterion by which we must live and act if we are truly Christian.

''In all religious experience, there is a vertical and a horizontal, the upreach toward God and the outreach towards men. Where the vertical is overemphasized, religion becomes remote from life and inward-looking; when the horizontal is too much in evidence, it becomes superficial and lacks inspiration.

The life of Jesus is permanently memorable because in Him these elements were perfectly combined. But wherever the vertical and the horizontal meet, there is a Cross. It could not be otherwise. Jesus Himself regarded His death as the necessary and central act of His ministry. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things and to have entered into His Glory?

"It is easy to see why the Cross has this central place both in the New Testament and in all Christian experience since.

"It reveals the true nature of the world in which we live. The heart of the universe in Love which bears and endures all things, without retaliation and without embitterment in the sure conviction that this is the only way in which real victories can be won.

"At the same time, the Cross reveals the full power of the enemy with whom we have to do. The world is always the world in which Jesus Christ was crucified. When perfect Love came into the world, men could find nothing better to do with it than nail it to a cross. We are still the same kind of people as our fathers. . . . The enemy is there in ourselves, and there is no day in our lives in which we are not called to do battle with him.

"The Cross is needed to break our stubborn wills. There are many ambitions and purposes in the world which are quite legitimate in themselves. But if we are Christians, all that we plan and desire has to be subjected to the touchstone of the Cross. In that confrontation how do these things look? The modern world has largely been brought up on success stories. The emphasis on success in modern education, and even in modern family life is terrifying. The supreme motive seems to be no longer *noblesse oblige* or its equivalent, but to get on in the world and not to mind too much who else is trodden down in the process. How does this square with the revelation of the Cross?

"The Cross makes endurable the problem of suffering. Nothing can take away the problem. . . . None of us can altogether escape it. A full answer is not possible. The Cross gives us enough light to enable us to hold on. . . . There are a great many Christians in the world to-day who have borne the extremity of human anguish. Ask them of their experience; they will tell you that in the darkest hour, the crucified and risen Christ stood by them, that no extremity of suffering went beyond the point at which He could uphold them, and that the last word was not with the suffering but with Him.

"The Cross shows us that triumph lies only on the other side of surrender and, if need be, of suffering. . . . Dedication means always a more perfect acceptance of the will of God for us; and in that will, there is always Cross and resurrection.

''Don't imagine that I mean anything exciting or emotional. Most Christian dedication remains invalid because it is carried through in the abstract, and not in relation to the exact situation in which we are. But God's will for us is always quite definite and concrete and He is willing to show it, if we are willing to see it. When young people say that they have had a definite experience of Christ, I am always very glad; but I do not ask what emotional experiences they have had, but whether next morning they were out of bed in time to say their prayers, and whether they had become less difficult to live with at home. If we are quite honest with ourselves, surely we shall all find that there is some point at which we are not obeying the will of God as we can quite clearly see it. It may be in some very big thing, like refusing a call to ordination. Much more likely it is in some very small thing; surliness about doing the small chores that have to be done at home; the habit of criticizing our friends behind their backs; a fault for which we will not ask forgiveness; some small offence that we will not forgive. Obviously each one of us can know only for himself what God is saying.''

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I do not ask to fly from thee.
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

We, . . . become world citizens, not by despising our own country, nor by feeling that the wider our interests the more generous we are, nor by making as it were as addition to our patriotism, but rather by the *way* in which we love and serve our own country. We must love it *critically,* appreciate it for its service to mankind as a whole, and endeavour ourselves to walk in the way of its most characteristic representatives. You cannot be proud of Lincoln and condone racial discrimination; you can take pride in belonging to the company of Isaac Newton and indulge in sloppy thinking.

To be a citizen of the world means therefore to be a true citizen of your own country and loyal to all that is best in your local group. It is there where your obligation lies. And we have good warrant for this in Christian faith. Jesus was a Jew and lived in a narrow little country a long time ago. But nothing that He ever did was merely local. He treated the life of His locality as something concerned with the purposes of God. And so He is the true son of man, the universal and eternal man belonging to no one country but to all. Yet He was Jesus of Nazareth.

President, Cheshunt College Cambridge
Professor Victor Murray in an address given
at the International Children's Work Conference.

Reflections on the Pre-Assembly Congress

BY MRS. JAY WATSON, WEYBURN, SASKATCHEWAN

BEING a delegate to the Pre-Assembly Congress in Montreal last June was a ''mountain top'' experience, never to be forgotten.

From a woman's point of view, the Congress was a far cry from the early days of the Canadian Church, when the Presbyterian women were regarded as the ''females'' of the congregations and their declarations of ''attachment to Christ'' and their request for permission to organize themselves for the purpose of ''cleaning the lamps of the church, etc.'' were considered to be matters of such serious import that discussions thereon were faithfully recorded for posterity to read. The Congress delegation appeared to be about evenly divided between men and women but such a singular spiritual unity was sensed in the atmosphere of all the sessions, that they were neither male or female—but ''one in Jesus Christ''.

It was good to see so many delegates representative of our Presbyterian youth. In discussion groups, particularly, they were most articulate and their searching questions and freely expressed opinions indicated that they were thinking deeply upon the part they must play in the future of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. I am confident that they will fulfil all our hopes—provided we, their elders, give them the help and encouragement they need, *NOW*.

It was good to hear the leaders of our Church speak of the challenges and opportunities that are ours to-day; of the needs and problems that must be met if we are to make our full contribution to the Christian community. There was no nostalgic dwelling on past greatness and achievements as some feared there might be, yet everyone must have felt that the individual responsibilities were the greater because of the proud heritage of faith which is ours.

It was good to meet Presbyterian workers from Coast to Coast and to feel that we were all part of a great Whole, bound by a common faith and a common mission, rather than just members of isolated congregations. Nothing expressed that feeling of ''oneness'' quite so much as did the singing of those days, when hearts and voices were raised to such paeans of praise and thanksgiving that I am sure the strains went straight to the Mercy Seat.

Yet, it was good to have been there. . . .

Notes From Synodical News

Evening Department Week-end Camp in Montreal and Ottawa Synodical

BY MISS ISABEL HILL

FROM the opening session on Saturday afternoon until the closing one at the end of the following day, the week-end camp held June 24 and 25 at the Peace Memorial Camp, Lancaster, Ontario, by the Evening Department of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical Society, was an unqualified success. Most of the sessions were held in the open air, under the beautiful trees and beside the blue St. Lawrence. The theme of the week-end, ''The World for Christ'' was introduced by Miss Isabel Hill, Synodical Evening Department Secretary. Miss Isabel Viker of Ottawa was camp registrar and reported an enrolment of forty-one delegates, besides many other visitors on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. In hymn, prayer and thought the chosen theme was carried out, while in the two addresses given by Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary, its implications were directly and simply set forth. Miss E. L. McClelland, Council Evening Department Secretary, gave challenging leadership to the discussions on the department's work. A panel discussion on the preparation of annual reports was held on Sunday afternoon, when those who took part were Miss Hill, Miss Cumming, Mrs. Stinson, Mrs. Munro, Miss Stella Cates and Miss Dorothy Sinclair of Ottawa, and Miss McClelland. Probably the highlight of the week-end was the presentation at the open meeting on Saturday night of the pageant ''Footprints on the Sands of Time'' by the St. John's Evening Auxiliary, Cornwall, under the direction of Mrs. A. N. Riley, with Mrs. T. Smirle providing the accompanying music. Throughout the week-end there was a deep spirit of fellowship which was greatly enriched by the kindly preparations of the Peace Memorial Camp officials and the ministrations of the good ladies from Montreal who gave voluntary service in preparing the meals. All told, it was an experience to be remembered and, it is hoped, one which will be repeated on future occasions.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

THIS year in the Auxiliaries we are thinking particularly of that work for which we as Canadian Presbyterians are responsible in Canada and throughout the world. As we think of our own Church's work we do not want to forget that, as we endeavour to do that work adequately, we are making our contribution to the work of the Christian Church throughout the world, of which we are a part. We must not lose the larger view. Therefore we suggest that as one of their reading books Auxiliaries choose THE DECISIVE DECADE by A. M. Chirgwin. Many will remember previous books by Dr. Chirgwin as UNDER FIRE and INTO ACTION and those who heard his series of addresses given at the Canadian School of Missions at the Inter-Church Missionary Education Conference in July of this year will find many passages within the pages of THE DECISIVE DECADE to remind them of his words.

The chapter titles outline the contents, they are,—"What is the World Church?", "What are the Younger Churches?", "How the Younger Churches Grow", "How the Churches Unite", "What is the Freedom of the Church?", "The Task that Remains".

THE DECISIVE DECADE gives a picture of the World Church as it is today and a vision of what the Christian Church still must do. The latter is both challenging and encouraging. Dr. Chirgwin writes, "Faith in man's inevitable advance is still with us; trust in science and enlightenment as the means of the attainment of progress is still advocated; refusal to face the unpleasant facts of human sinfulness still persists. But the more sensitive and penetrating minds are increasingly aware that the doctrine of man's ability to save himself and his world is seriously called in question. . . . What man is groping for today, if happily he may find it, is waiting for him in the community of Christ's people."

Having read THE DECISIVE DECADE the reader cannot but agree with the author's statement—"It is clear that an evangelistic task of world dimensions still remains to be undertaken. . . . It remains to be seen whether the next decade is to witness a great new advance on the part of the Christian Church."

Read THE DECISIVE DECADE and resolve that the Advance planned by the part of the Christian Church to which we belong will be accomplished!

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

Two Ways of Looking at It

"WELL, here's a letter reminding me that it is time to gather subscriptions for *The Glad Tidings* again," said Mrs. A.—as she met Mrs. B. on the street, "I don't know why I was appointed *Glad Tidings* Secretary. I don't like asking women to subscribe. Last year I asked the President to announce in the auxiliary meeting that subscriptions were due and that those who wished the magazine should bring the money to the next meeting. Of course, some forgot and the change in price made some difference too, so our list was down."

"Oh I'm sorry you feel that way", said Mrs. B., who is the *Glad Tidings* Secretary in another auxiliary. "I got my letter the other day, and we are planning to work hard again this year. The President brought the matter to the last Executive meeting and it was agreed that the whole Executive would share in the drive for subscriptions. We may divide into districts but we are going to see that every woman in the congregation has a chance to subscribe."

"And what do you say when you do go to a woman to ask her to subscribe?" asked Mrs. A.

"Well I tell about the interesting things in the magazine especially something this particular person would like—I tell her of how it contains the latest news about what work is going on, and what is being done to extend the Church in Canada and other parts of the world. After all that is a natural interest for Church women. I point out, if necessary, that the price is exceedingly low—less than 10c a copy even at the dollar rate—and that we really owe a loyalty to our own magazine. Then I promise that she shall receive her copy regularly and on time. In fact Mrs. A. we each go out using our best salesmanship backed up by real enthusiasm."

"Thank you Mrs. B. your enthusiasm is contagious. We will see what we can do too."

We take with solemn thankfulness
Our burden up, nor ask it less,
And count it joy that even we
May suffer, serve, or wait for Thee,
Whose will be done!

J. G. Whittier.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

Last month Mrs. Johnston introduced Miss Grace Irvine to the young women of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society. This month Miss Irvine introduces herself to you in this her first contribution to the Young Women's page. M.E.W.

AS we enter upon another period of activity in the work of our Church, I welcome this opportunity of sending to one and all of you my warmest greetings, and my sincere good wishes for the success of your efforts throughout the coming year.

The task of making Christ known to the world did not begin with us, nor will it end with us. It reaches out to the ends of the world. But it offers to us the means of undermining the materialism and unbelief of our time.

To-day, as great world ideas contend for universal sway, Christianity alone provides the Way, because it concerns itself with the *whole* man, with *all* men, for body *and* soul, for living *and* for Life.

Through our work as young women, many closed doors are being opened—doors that make possible for people a Christian growth that is physical and mental, undergirded by spiritual strength. Thus, we become humble sharers; and the Power of God is released into the world of man *through us.*

''We pray for the kind of world we insist upon having''. Surely the privilege of carrying the message of God's love to a confused and burdened world is worthy of our best gifts.

—Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary.

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

SOME time ago we received a most interesting letter from Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, telling of their experiences at their first C.G.I.T. meeting. We know you would be interested and perhaps might want to try out some of the original activities in your own group and so we have obtained the permission of Miss Kathleen Stewart, a member of staff and of the Principal, Mr. Ross, to share the letter with you.

Miss Stewart says: ''May the 4th after the work was done we separated all girls who were twelve years old before Christmas from the younger ones. There were 25 and these girls were taken into the children's dining room for a meeting. There we planned to start a Canadian Girls in Training Department and the girls were told what to expect. They were asked to consider who would be their officers and the duties of officers were explained and everyone was most interested.

On May 5th at 7.15 we went to the chapel for our first meeting. The proper conduct of a C.G.I.T. meeting was outlined. A president and secretary were elected and took their places. Then copies of the C.G.I.T. Purpose were passed around and explained and the girls were asked to stand and repeat it. Two girls who had been coached previously, led in worship and did very well. It was decided because of the number, to have three groups, the names of these to be 1. Princesses, 2. Queen Ann's, 3. Real Star Guides. The code ''Each one teach one'' was adopted. The idea was to learn things that made for peace and to see that each child in school could get to hear of them and thus promote happiness. Next we had a sing-song and later plans were made to hold a ''Can do'' supper the next night. ''Taps'' was explained and our meeting closed by joining hands and repeating the words.

It is the custom at this school for the boys to wash the dishes at noon, but on May 6th according to plan, the girls did this work and then at once went in to action on the out-door supper. The weather was against us, but we ignored that. Tins were gathered from the pile outside, holes were cut in them with tin-snips each making their own little stove. We were given some oiled saw-dust and dry wood from the manual training shop. The boys had taken all the axes to the woods so someone was sent to look for one, meanwhile we left our dry wood on the wood-box to be cut into small pieces. Everything was packed and ready except the wood, and so we went off to rest until four o'clock.

When we came back the man who was in charge of getting supper that night had decided to make an early start, and had used every speck of our wood to start the kitchen fire. Twenty-seven pairs of eyes told the story of our dismay! However, the axe was still there, so out went the fire committee in search of wood. Soon we were ready to start for the old barn site where we hoped to find dry ground and some old shingles. We lighted a fire on the rocks, sheltered a little from the cold wind and threatening rain. After the blessing was sung, eggs and bacon were fried on the bottom of the tins which were turned over on the little fires we made for them. Our skill and patience were strained a bit, no doubt, but we were all merry about it. We all had a wonderful time and closed the meeting with "Taps" and came home at seven o'clock.

We cordially welcome these enthusiastic girls to our department and we thank their leaders for sharing with us this interesting story of how C.G.I.T. came to Cecilia Jeffrey School.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, *Secretary*

"Friends Across Canada"

DURING the past number of years children in Presbyterian Children's Groups have visited in various lands,—India, China, Japan, —and have made friends with the children of those lands. This study year 1950-51 they are going to stay at home in Canada and will find that right in their own homeland are children of many nations who have come to make Canada their home.

Friends Across Canada, prepared by Lily M. Macarthur, our Children's Work Secretary, is for Mission Band and Explorer Groups and tells of the work of The Presbyterian Church in Canada among the people of Canada. The programme booklet begins with some suggestions to the leader including those for handcraft and activities. It contains stories and suggestions for worship for ten meetings in which the children are taken back to pioneer days in Canada and are introduced to the first Canadians—the Indians; it tells of the beginnings of our Church's work among the Indian people and how that work is done today; the children are introduced to the Chinese children in kindergartens and Sunday Schools, as well as to children from many European lands, and are shown how our Church's workers welcome newcomers and strive to help them; and the many ways in which church workers serve the children of Canada. Pictures of those serving under the Women's Missionary Society W.D. are included in the packet.

In addition to outline suggestions for ten regular meetings there are suggestions for a closing meeting and outlines for three special meetings, —A Thanksgiving Service of Worship, A Christmas Programme and An Easter Service of Worship.

It is hoped that during this year our Presbyterian children will truly make *Friends Across Canada,* and, as they do this, will realize what their own Church has done and is striving to do for the peoples of Canada.

—*Louise A. Reith.*

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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KOOTENAY Presbyterial—**Creston**—The Mission Band of St. Stephen's Church, Creston entertained their mothers and members of the Senior Auxiliary at a recent meeting. The feature of the meeting was a picture demonstration by the children depicting many of the interesting parts of the study book: *Where the Carp Banners Fly.* Mrs. Robertson, the leader made a report of the work done during the year.

Westminster Presbyterial—New Westminster—Miss A. Hill entertained the Senior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's-St. Stephen's, New Westminster at the June meeting. An In Memoriam was presented in loving memory of her stepmother, Mrs. A. E. Hill.

Members of St. Andrew's-St. Stephen's Auxiliary, mourn the passing of their honorary president, Mrs. A. H. Gordon. She was the first treasurer of the first Presbyterian women's missionary auxiliary organized in British Columbia. It was St. Andrew's, New Westminster. She was also Honorary President of the British Columbia Synodical Board.

Mrs M. Clifford was the speaker at a recent meeting of the St. Andrew's-St. Stephen's Auxiliary, New Westminster. This auxiliary was also honoured in having Mrs. W. J. Murdock at a recent meeting. She spoke on the 36th annual Synodical meeting.

Vancouver — Members and former members of Fairview Auxiliary Vancouver enjoyed a happy reunion at the fifteenth anniversary of the auxiliary. Honoured guests were Mrs. W. Ellis and Mrs. M. Nicolson. Miss Ruth Yeandle gave an historical sketch, recalling the activities through the years.

The Auxiliary of Gordon Church, New Westminster, held their annual Home Helper's meeting in the church parlor. Reports for the half year were very encouraging. The library secretary reported she had received 740 books. The guest speaker was Rev. W. Barlow who spoke on Canadian missions.

The members of Central Church Evening Auxiliary gathered at the Children's Centre, Vancouver, to bid farewell to Miss Helen Ross who had been associated with Miss Watson at the Centre for the past two years. Miss Ross leaves for a new appointment as teacher at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School at Kenora, Ontario. Mrs. W. Jones, president, voiced the real regret of the members at losing Miss Ross, whose kindly unassuming manner and cheerful willingness to help at all times, has endeared her to all. On behalf of the members Miss Ross was presented with a sterling spoon and floral emblem of British Columbia. All wished for Miss Ross success and blessing in her new field of service.

Central Evening Auxiliary had as guest speaker at a supper meeting recently, Mrs. Malcolm Ransom, returned missionary from China. Mrs. Ransom gave a most interesting talk on the work and growth of the hospital in Kienshui. She told of the Church, Sunday School and visiting the homes at Kienshui while on the field with her husband, Reverend Malcolm Ransom. Dr. Christine Fraser voiced the appreciation of the group, not only for the message but for the gracious friendly manner in which it was given, making it seem so near and real to all present.

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THE account of the annual meeting in Peace River Presbyterial will be found in the front of the book. We ask you to look for the story there.

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WINNIPEG Presbyterial—**Kildonan**—The W.M.S. Auxiliary and the Home Helpers of Old Kildonan, held a very successful Home Helpers evening in Nisbett Hall. Mrs. McRae, Home Helpers Secretary was in charge of the programme. Mrs. J. A. Davidson, Presbyterial Home Helpers Secretary brought greetings. The guest speaker was Mrs. C. Smith who gave a full report of the Pre-Assembly Congress held in Montreal. Major Greatrix of the Salvation Army spoke briefly in bringing greetings.

Superior Presbyterial—Fort William—A special meeting of Superior Presbyterial was held in July at the home of Mrs. C. LeCocq, Synodical President. This meeting was called to honour Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary who is to begin work in a new area in the fall. Mrs. George Stirrett, President of Superior Presbyterial, presented Miss Walker with a gift from the members of the Presbyterial. Everyone wished Miss Walker Godspeed and happiness in her new sphere of work.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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HAMILTON Presbyterial—**Hamilton**—The annual June tea of the Hamilton Presbyterial was held in the newly renovated Sunday School rooms of St. John Church, Hamilton. Four Honorary Presidents were the hostesses.

At the June meeting of the Mildred Gehman Auxiliary, of Erskine Church, Hamilton, the members were privileged to hear Mrs. L. W. Gehman, tell of her work in the hospital in Kienshui, China. Miss Katherine Sun was also a guest of the auxiliary and sang in her native tongue.

Paris Presbyterial—Tillsonburg—The summer conference of Paris Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, Tillsonburg. The theme of the meeting was: ''Be still and know that I am God.'' Mrs. G. D. Johnston presided. Discussion groups were found very informative. These were headed by the leaders of the Young Women's Department, Girls' Organizations, *The Glad Tidings,* the Press. Mrs. Johnston gave a very fine report of the Pre-Assembly Congress in Montreal. Rev. J. P. Schissler of Innerkip gave a talk on the work being done by our deaconesses in Western Canada.

Sarnia Presbyterial — Wyoming — Cuthbertson Auxiliary of Wyoming entertained the members of Pioneer and Aberarder Auxiliaries at their 25th anniversary celebrations. Mrs. J. McCormick was in charge of the programme which featured the history of the auxiliary read by Miss C. Richardson. Mrs. R. B. Ross of Warwick gave the address. Two charter members, Miss C. Laing and Mrs. J. Frazer poured tea at a social hour which followed.

The Pioneer Auxiliary, Wyoming celebrated a 25th anniversary recently. Eleven charter members were present. The meeting was planned to be the same as the organization meeting 25 years ago. This auxiliary has honoured each of its members with a Life Membership Certificate. It also sponsors a very fine mission band.

Sarnia Presbyterial wishes to congratulate Mrs. Samuel Stokes on attaining her 101st birthday. We are grateful for the inspiration of her devout life and her steadfast interest in all W.M.S. enterprises.

Mooretown—Mrs. Alice Harkness was the hostess for the June meeting of Mooretown auxiliary. Mrs. G. Killen spoke on the 46th Psalm. These ladies are busy quilting for the bale.

Strathroy — St. Andrew's ''Boys' Own'' Mission Band celebrated its 21st anniversary with a dinner held in the church. The band's present leader, Mr. Clarence Mitchell gave a sketch of the band since its inception. Rev. R. Stewart, London, spoke to the boys and girls.

Stratford Presbyterial — Cromarty — On Thursday afternoon, July 6, Cromarty Auxiliary held a most interesting meeting when they welcomed thirty-one members of the Seaforth Auxiliary. Mrs. Thomas Scott, president, opened the meeting with a devotional service, after which the Seaforth president, Mrs. R. Aberhart, took charge. Mrs. James Scott, Seaforth, gave a message basing her remarks on Matthew 5: 16, ''Let your light so shine''. She used as an illustration the great chandelier in a large church. God is the power, man the prisms—only when the power is on do the prisms reflect the light. ''The peace of God in our hearts is the way to true happiness.''

Close to 75 women gathered on Wednesday, July 26th in Burns Church, **Milverton**, to celebrate the 20th birthday of the Evening Auxiliary. Visitors were welcomed from North Mornington, Atwood and Monkton as well as from the local churches. Mrs. Irwin Coxon, president, was in the chair. Among the letters of greeting was one from Mrs. Donald MacInnes, Ridgetown, wife of the former minister of Burns Church, and Synodical Secretary of Evening Department. Miss Isobel Hamilton presented a comprehensive history of the society's progress since its inception, mentioning that Mrs. Alex. M. Davidson organized the Auxiliary in 1930 with Mrs. Hugh Baird, now of Chesley, as the first president. Mrs. Donald Munro, Hamilton Synodical President, in her address said the greatest danger in our Church to-day is that of indifference. Mrs. Munro stressed the importance of prayer in our missionary work. ''We may be able to give only a certain amount of money but there is no limit to prayer.'' A musical programme and social hour followed.

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BARRIE Presbyterial—**Barrie**—At a sectional meeting held in St. Andrew's Church, Mrs. L. W. Gehman, Reg.N., who is on furlough from China, gave a most interesting talk on her work in the hospital. She told of one of the temples being used as a hospital with the native student nurses acting as interpreters for the staff and patients and of the Biblewomen who teach the patients. Mrs. Gehman asked all to pray earnestly that the doors may remain open.

Alliston—The silver anniversary of Chalmers Church Auxiliary was held July 5th when 125 guests and members gathered at supper, followed by a service in the church at 8 p.m. Greetings were brought from the Presbyterial and the neighbouring Auxiliaries. A complete history of the Auxiliary from its inception was given by Miss Laura Newell. Following a very impressive memorial service for the departed members a beautiful basket of flowers was placed on the Communion Table in their memory. Mrs. N. R. D. Sinclair of Markham, formerly of Allandale and Stroud, took for her topic "Yesterday, To-day and To-morrow", stressing the work of the past and how it grew and showing how much can be done in the future. Reverend Donald K. Sinclair of Exeter closed the meeting with prayer.

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Government Grant for Cecilia Jeffrey School	10,296.00
Government Grant for Birtle School	9,888.00
Transferred from Legacy Fund for French Literature	50.00
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Rent from Worker	20.00
Central Committee Evening Department, Toronto, “Wheels for India, Mobile Clinic”	67.00
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“Exchange”	.15
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Daily Vacation Bible School, Rabbit Lake, Saskatchewan, “Children's Work Overseas”	6.02
Peace River Presbytery Camp, Lake Saskatoon, “Medical Unit, India”	7.79
Income Tax	1.90
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British Columbia	1,057.00
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Alberta, Supplies	128.65
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Saskatchewan, Supplies	86.20
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Manitoba, Supplies	149.00
Montreal and Ottawa	1,620.00
Montreal and Ottawa, Supplies	$ 158.00
Hamilton and London	2,400.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	1,070.20
Toronto and Kingston	6,269.90
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	823.60
	$40,237.78

DISBURSMENTS:

Indian Schools:	
Birtle	$ 358.32
Birtle, Government Grant	5,160.89
Cecilia Jeffrey School	333.30
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	8,128.29
Chinese in Canada	2,108.74
Deaconesses	2,253.99
St. Margaret's Centre	125.00
Children's Centres, Vancouver, Montreal and Portage la Prairie	1,201.39
Port Work	269.72
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Insurance and Taxes	178.26
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Interest	192.22
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Interest	330.77
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Interest	621.12
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DISBURSEMENTS:

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New Organizations

Saskatchewan

Saskatoon Presbyterial—Affiliated Auxiliary, Gun Worth. Pres., Mrs. Charles Dentith; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Fred Moore.

Correction for New Organizations—The Mission Band at St. Andrew and St. Paul Church, Montreal, reported in May *Glad Tidings,* should read Leader, Mrs. D. W. Oswald, 4525 Ridgevale Ave., Associate Leader, Mrs. Henry Wright, 416 Prince Arthur St.

Correction and Change for the Annual Report

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DO YOU HAVE A GLAD TIDINGS MEETING?

In conversation with *Glad Tidings* secretaries last spring, we realized that a number of auxiliaries have a *Glad Tidings* meeting in November. A proposal was made that suggestions for the programme of such a meeting be made in this issue. So, we have made four suggestions, with brief descriptions.

The Lecture Type Meeting—This type of meeting is familiar to us all. Arrangements are made for a speaker. At a *Glad Tidings* meeting, the speaker would be asked to speak on the value of the magazine in aiding the missionary cause.

Panel Discussion—This is a popular means of getting ideas across in these days. The ladies selected to take part are asked to tell of one or two reasons for the value of the magazine. For instance, the value as a link between the source of missionary support and the missionary; the aid the magazine can be in planning programme in Auxiliaries; the explanation and description of the way the Society carries on its work, all can be emphasized. One lady acts as chairman of the discussion and it is her duty to have the discussion planned and to ask the panel members each in her turn to give information she has prepared. The number taking part may vary with the size of the auxiliary but there should be no less than three. Time should be allowed for the other members of the auxiliary to ask questions. The ladies taking part must be well versed on the magazine and prepared to answer the questions asked.

A Dramatic Sketch—A skit or dialogue is also a popular method of presenting information. A script can be prepared by someone in your auxiliary and enacted by the auxiliary members or by members of your girls' group. It could depict just how the *Glad Tidings* brings to us a picture of the work the Society is doing. Short readings from current and back issues of the magazine might make up the larger part of the dialogue. Costumes add colour and interest to such productions. For instance, your script may show the magazine bringing our work in India to the members of the Society. The scene described by Miss Ellen Douglas, (Page 180, May 1950) might be enacted in costume, or someone in costume might read a part of that story. You may select several stories by our workers, have them depicted in pantomime and the reading from the magazine done by one person.

Posters—With any of these means of presenting the magazine, posters could be used as a part of the background for the meeting. Perhaps this could be a project for your girls' groups. The theme again, should be the illustration of the wide area reached by our Women's Missionary Society, and the way the magazine keeps the work in those areas before us.

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ONCE more an Annual Council Meeting has come and gone. As we looked at our work we were encouraged by the advances made and the good work accomplished but could not fail to see that in places we were weak and much that could have been done had been left undone.

Thinking now of the days spent together one cannot but wonder what it all meant to those privileged to attend. To what did it all ''add up''? Has the vision dimmed already? Are we back again into the old push and strain of getting things done?

Beginning with the opening session a clear note was sounded and this was repeated many times as the days passed. We were being called back to examine the *quality* of our Christian faith. Our present problems and distresses the lack of young men and women for service throughout the Church and the means to maintain them; the call for Church extension, so urgent everywhere and which cannot be answered with any degree of satisfaction under present conditions. These and others as well, are but the outward symptoms of a disease deep within each one of us, which renders us weak and wavering in our witness before the forces confronting us.

We have each a work to do, a place to fill, be it in our homes, in a place of business or in some other sphere in the busy world. This we must *do* as individuals. No one else can take the place appointed to us. Is our Christian living a casual thing, something inherited, a tradition followed, a safe and respectable way of life? Or is it Christ living in us; speaking through us, building His Church in the world through us? These questions we must answer humbly and honestly remembering nothing can be hidden from the eyes of Him ''with whom we have to do''.

Maydee F. Rae.

Lengthen Thy Cords and Strengthen Thy Stakes

This is the first of four meditations on the theme of our Council Meeting. *Reverend K. G. MacMillan, B.A., B.D.,* led us in these devotions and has consented to give them to us, one by one, in *The Glad Tidings.*

"THE CALL"

> ''Also I heard the Voice of the Lord, saying,
> Who shall I send,
> And who will go for us?
> Then said I, Here am I; send me.'' Isaiah 6: 8.

ISAIAH'S call to Jerusalem to lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes was issued following the destruction of that great city in 586 B.C. He likens Jerusalem to a tent which must be enlarged to house the increasing family of God. It is evident that Isaiah had a deep concern for the people of Judah whose land lay devastated and ravaged and whose suffering was so acute. That he had the courage, in a day which was characterized by despair, to issue such a call to a people who had spent long years in exile and who had turned in large numbers to idol worship must have been a cause for wonderment to even the most faithful. Isaiah believed that God continued to love and to care for His people and that He longed for the day when all the Chosen People would acknowledge the Lord as their God and walk in His ways.

Such an attitude is not only commendable but essential if we who are called upon to bear witness to God's saving grace to all men are to turn to our labours with zeal and enthusiasm. Our day is scarcely less chaotic and disturbing than Isaiah's. His world, like ours had been shaken and much of the superstructure of life had been reduced to rubble. Yet, he issued the call to advance, to go forward and to expand. How could he speak as he did?

The call to others to engage in expanding Jerusalem could only be made because Isaiah had long before, one day in the Temple, heard the call of God clearly and unmistakably. Without God's call ringing in his heart he would never have had the temerity to issue a call to others. We who are committed to no less a task than bringing the whole world to Christ can never begin to fulfill our obligations unless we hear God speaking to us so that we labour as those commissioned by Christ and under His command. It is God's call to us that supersedes our call to others. We call others to service because He first has called us.

Isaiah's call came one day as he engaged in worship in the Temple. He was one of the Temple servants doing routine duty in the house of

God. He had heard of people of a former day to whom God had been a stirring reality. Abraham under the starlit dome of heaven; Moses in the Wilderness and on the Mount; Elijah, alone with God, all had experienced a personal encounter with the Eternal One but Isaiah assumed that such an experience was not for him. His life was lacking in any great purpose and possessed no real significance but he assumed that the feeling of futility which filled his existence was the normal experience of mankind. At times his heart and soul cried out for the Living God and like the Psalmist he inquired, ''When shall I come and appear before God?''

Then one day in the year that King Uzziah died it happened. He saw the Lord ''high and lifted up''. He heard the heavenly chant ''Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory''. In that moment of time Isaiah met the Eternal God. He did not meet a new idea or a new concept. He did not receive a new topic for discussion or a new paragraph in his theology. He met Reality. Suddenly, the God of Whom he had heard so often and Who had been such a living reality to others was now known to him.

Immediately he was conscious of his sin and he cried, ''Woe is me, for I am undone''. This is the experience common to all men, even to moral, ethical men like Isaiah, when they are confronted by the Holy God. Job, David, Paul and all the Saints of God testify that before God they stand utterly defenceless and completely humbled. Yet, in the same moment that Isaiah saw his sin, in the depths of his soul the words were heard, ''Thy sin is forgiven thee'' and an angel took a live coal off the altar of God, cleansed his lips and restored him. God acted to save Isaiah even as God in His mercy has acted to save us.

I think the important thing for us to see is that this experience meant for Isaiah a new life of service to God. When God said, ''Who will go?'' Isaiah without any hesitation replied, ''Here am I, send me''. The whole course of his life was radically altered. Henceforth his life was not one of despair and hopelessness but of victory and peace, and this, even amid personal discomfort and national calamity.

Hearing the call of God is basic to our spiritual life, to our Christian Faith and to the expression of that faith in service. Without this call there can be no real missionary work. If Isaiah had never seen the Lord high and lifted up; if he had never heard the voice of the Lord say, ''Who will go?'' he would never have called Jerusalem in later years amid disheartening conditions to spread herself, to enlarge herself, to lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes.

Above the earthquake, above the whirlwind, above the tumult and clamour of the world comes the still small voice of God for those who have ears to hear. All who hear and heed that voice henceforth are missionaries of the Cross wherever they are, calling others to the Lord and finding their deepest joy in His service. Here alone is the solution to the problem of interesting men and women in Missions for ''Here am I, send me'' is the spontaneous response of all to whom God has become a living reality.

I trod life's path with an easy tread,
I followed where comforts and pleasures lead,
Until one day in a quiet place
I met the Master, face to face.

My thought is now for the souls of men,
I have lost my life to find it again,
E're since one day, in a quiet place
I met the Master, face to face.

PRAYER

O Thou Who hast never ceased to call Thy children unto Thyself and Who dost not will that any should perish grant unto us the hearing ear, the seeing eye and the understanding heart so that we may hear Thy call, comprehend the magnitude of Thy love and serve Thee acceptably. Enable us by Thy grace and Spirit to respond to Thy love with ''Here am I, send me''. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Society's Presidents Meet at Council

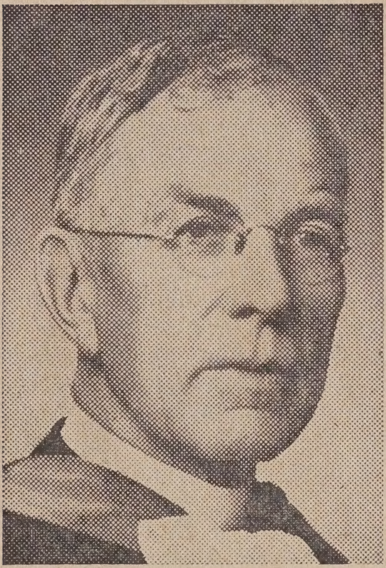
From left to right they are: Mrs. Robert Pollock, British Columbia; Mrs. George Metcalfe, Alberta; Mrs. Wm. Kelly, Saskatchewan; Mrs. C. LeCocq, Manitoba; Mrs. Arthur W. Pae, President of the W.M.S., (W.D.); Mrs. D. Munro, Hamilton and London; Mrs A. Glenn Thompson, Toronto and Kingston; Mrs. Harcourt Emra, Montreal and Ottawa.

The Council Meeting

THE ladies of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, were hostesses to delegates and guests at a banquet, Monday, September 25th. It was an occasion which set the stage for a really successful Council Meeting. Bouquets of flowers and blue and white candles were used as decoration. Mrs. Pae presided at the brief session after the banquet. She expressed the appreciation of the delegates for the kind gesture of the Guelph ladies. Mr. James Clare, Mayor of Guelph, welcomed the delegates and extended to them the best wishes of the City Council.

The Synodical Societies were represented by the following: *British Columbia*—Mrs. Robert Pollock, Miss Sybil White, Vancouver; Mrs. W. A. Dempsey, Mrs. H. Warren, Victoria; Mrs. J. Blott, Roberts Creek; *Alberta*—Mrs. George Metcalfe, Mrs. J. H. Jamieson, Mrs. E. J. Olsen, Calgary; Mrs. R. A. Davidson, Grande Prairie; Mrs. J. H. Inglis, Medicine Hat; *Saskatchewan*—Mrs. Wm. Kelly, Mrs. Mary Shaw, Miss M. Gillies, Moose Jaw; Mrs. E. Beatty, Tisdale; Miss Giolo Kelly, Saskatoon; *Manitoba*—Mrs. C. LeCocq, Fort William; Mrs. J. McLeod, Brandon; Mrs. G. P. Stirrett, Port Arthur; Mrs. G. W. Bradley, Mrs. D. H. Ross, Winnipeg; *Hamilton and London*—Mrs. D. Munro, Hamilton; Mrs. W. H. Williams, Strathroy; Mrs. E. P. Winhold, Brantford; Miss A. M. Toll, Blyth; Mrs. P. J. McEwen, Wyoming; Mrs. J. S. Dobbie, Owen Sound; *Toronto and Kingston*—Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson, Stouffville; Mrs. E. O. Rawson, Barrie; Mrs. H. Mainprize, Acton; Mrs. N. W. G. Baker, Miss Lundia MacBeth, Mrs. A. Hogg, Toronto; Mrs. D. B. Graham, Sault Ste. Marie; *Montreal and Ottawa*—Mrs. Harcourt Emra, Mrs. Logan-Vencta, Ottawa; Mrs. G. S. Lloyd, Cornwall; Mrs. Charles Robertson, Kemptville; Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, Montreal; Mrs. C. Ritchie Bell, Outremont; Mrs. Philip Boy, Scotstown. *Ex-officio Members of Council*: Convener General Board of Missions, Reverend G. Deane Johnston, M.A., M.B.E., Brantford; Convener, Board of Evangelism and Social Action, Reverend E. C. McCullagh, B.A., Dunnville; Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, Reverend Arthur Currie, M.A., Toronto; Secretary, Board of Sabbath Schools, Reverend J. S. Clarke, B.A., Toronto; Convener, Board of Administration, Mr. James Dutton, Peterborough. The Council was greatly honoured in having the Moderator of the General Assembly, Right Reverend F. Scott Mackenzie, D.D., Montreal to speak at the first session of the meeting. Members of the Council Executive were present as well as the secretaries of the various departments.

Faith is the Deepest Need of the Church



Dr. F. Scott Mackenzie

DR. F. SCOTT MACKENZIE, Moderator of the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, spoke at the opening session of the Council Meeting. Dr. Mackenzie in a brief look backward said that the Church has cause to be thankful for the women who years ago began the missionary work of the Church. In recalling their zest he challenged the members to-day to think of the real meaning behind the missionary movement. Though our Church has done well in many ways, yet there is a great need within it—a need for spiritual values for the faith that makes the work of the Church of real value.

''Our Church has immediate and obvious needs, he stated. ''We need more men to advance the ministry at home and in other lands.''

Dr. Mackenzie asked that the delegates would take time from their deliberations on the problems of the Society to think deeply of the spiritual values. ''The moving power of Christ is the only motive and inspiration for carrying on all work.'' ''Without this, he added, nothing worthwhile is accomplished.'' ''All things are possible to him that believeth,'' Dr. Mackenzie stressed, ''for faith, more than an attitude of passive credulity, is the vitalizing power shown in appropriate works of the Church. Faith is the deepest need of the Church to-day—more urgently needed than ever before.'' There is a plain indifference and lack of interest among professed Christians, he observed. They have no thought whatever of putting first the things Christ would have us put first. The attitude of many modern Church people is like that of the Pharisee who stood in the temple and thanked God he was not as others were. Our only true plan for the work we have to do is that we serve in the spirit of dedication to Jesus our Lord and Maker.

''The work of the Church must have a living personal faith as its source,'' he stated. ''May this idea be crystal clear before you.''

The Presbyterian Church — A Missionary Church

Rev. G. D. Johnston, M.A., M.B.E.

REVEREND G. DEANE JOHNSTON, Chairman of the Board of Missions, told the delegates to the Council Meeting of the work in missions being carried on by the General Board of Missions—a Board to which the Women's Missionary Society sends delegates.

"We seek to spread the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, working within the framework of our own communion according to its ancient traditions and honourable customs, yet in harmony with our brethren of other communions who seek also to bring men and women to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The result at which we aim is to make men and women Christians, gentle, generous, humble, valiant, chivalrous and free."

Mr. Johnston went on to show the organization of the Church and of the missionary side of its work. He began with the local groups—the groups from which we derive support, both in prayers and in money. The session and organizations of the congregation are charged to direct Christian and missionary education within that group.

The direction for all the work of our Church comes from the General Assembly. It rules through executive arms such as the General Board of Missions and the W.M.S. Council.

The work of extension is one of the great problems in the Church in Canada now. Large new areas are being built and the Church must keep up with that growth. The post-war removal of young people to new housing areas means that many of the large city churches and the small rural ones are facing depleted ranks and the Board must try to give assistance to them.

There is a large work to do among non-Anglo-Saxon groups—our Chinese work is growing as immigration increases—so too, is the work among Hungarians, and there is much more that could be done among all groups coming into our land now.

Overseas a great challenge is being presented. The door was never more open than it is to-day in Formosa. The Koreans in Japan have been the responsibility of The Presbyterian Church in Canada for many years. The disturbances in Korea have sent missionaries of American Presbyterian Churches to Japan. Negotiations are now under way to have these missionaries work with our Mission among the Koreans in Japan.

In the brief glimpse of our Church as a Missionary Church, we were made aware of the great responsibility resting upon our shoulders—of the thousands of people who are dependent upon Presbyterian men and women in Canada to help them find freedom and peace through the knowledge of the law of God. Bringing the picture to a sharp focus, Mr. Johnston stated that our Church must "follow our young people out of the country and out of the downtown areas, or someone else will and these young people will join the vast throng of young Canadians who are going to no Church. The whole future of the Church rests with the grappling and successful solution to this problem. We must follow our people. As a national Church we must meet the challenge of the younger Churches, sending missionaries across the seas, while not neglecting the problems here and allowing the growth of ignorance and superstition, for if this is not controlled grief will fall upon the country and shame upon the Churches of the land."

"The only salvation of the world is the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour—I believe that it is never too late to draw nigh to God. I believe our Church has a part to play in the evangelization of the world—a part which no other Church has been called to do."

The emergency crisis which confronted the European Churches after the war is now over. At the meeting of the executive committee of the World Council Conference of U.S.A. Member Churches in New York on Wednesday, Dr. Robert Tobias of the World Council of Churches' staff said that the period when emergencies were so overwhelming that Church leaders could say "Help us or we perish" has come to a close. At the same time, he said that the need for emergency help to displaced persons and refugees has not diminished. The executive committee urged each of the member Churches in the United States to set up an ecumenical commission to co-ordinate and stimulate ecumenical interests within its own denomination.—*World Church News.*

"With Whom Have Ye To Do?"

Dr. David W. Hay

WE were directed to look at the world in which we live and the work which we, members of a Missionary Society are attempting to do. We were bade look at these and we were asked ''with whom have ye to do''? Are we in our meetings and committees achieving the things God would have us achieve? Dr. David Hay looked out on the world and saw millions of people in all parts of the world being awakened to new ways of thinking. The people of China are rapidly being shaken out of their quiet ways. The Africans are being stirred by secular forces and by the influence of the Church on that continent. What is going to happen to them and to us in the days ahead?

''We must look at our own purpose and actions in these days. Our task as missionaries is of great magnitude. We do not want to either scare them or charm them into the Christian Church. We want to create changed lives, we want to make men Christian, kind, chivalrous, valiant, free—free from the chains of sin and death. A Church can get what it wants if it wants it long enough and works hard enough to achieve its purposes. Our actions, even the smallest of them, will either bring us nearer, or send us farther from our purpose.''

Through the centuries in our world there has been an awareness of the risks in life. The people of the more modern world have sought to do away with such risks—they have thought to create a vast insurance against them. They have felt that life must be smooth and easy. ''The world is anything but a secure place,'' said Dr. Hay. The Jews of old thought the Messiah would put them on top of the world. But Jesus said: ''My kingdom is not of this world.'' Jesus did not mean that He was not concerned with the world. The New Testament shows His concern constantly. But ''In this life we have no continuing city. There remaineth no rest for the people of God. The Church is militant in that it is continually warring against easy going. We, whose Lord is a crucified Lord, cannot dare think we could settle down in ease.'' God has put into our lives, the Joseph Stalins, the Africas, the Chinas, to deal with. God the Creator has also made man ''a little lower than the angels'', He has given God-like powers to him. So it was meant that man should have the power to create great machines, to make great wealth. But it was not meant that they in themselves should be security. Our power has come from God. ''Why do we forget that we cannot move a hand's turn without God. Outside the Church they have forgotten that even our freedom is the creative work of God. All the vast human power comes from the hand of God—but not the abuse of it. There never has been an age when man is so powerful. Yet there never was a time when men were more scared. By selfish denial of God we have turned all the power to shame and tragedy.

''But there is a Christ who can show us the wisdom and the power of God. Jesus Christ alone can bring us face to face with this pride of ours. In Him we find the secret of the new power to redeem all men. We must see that God has a purpose in all things and a power in Jesus Christ by which all can know His glory. There is committed to the Church the answer of God for the troubles of man. We must not think lightly of why God has given us birth. No life is too big to give to Him. No life is big unless it is given to Him.''

Report of the Board of Trustees, 1950

THE Board extends a cordial welcome to Mrs. W. R. Riddell, Toronto, who has been appointed by the Council to fill the vacancy on its membership.

Windermere Avenue House, Toronto—Payments are regularly made on this property in accord with the agreement made by the Society.

Westminster Camp—This property, situated on Lake Simcoe, has been sold.

Society's Office (Room 800, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto.) The lease of the office formerly in the hands of the Board of Administration of the Church is now held by the Board of Trustees of the Society.

—*Bessie MacMurchy,* Chairman.

Report of the Recording Secretary, 1949 - 50

THE Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada presents to Council the following report, which covers the period between the Council Meeting in Calgary in 1949 and the present meeting.

Early in the fall the procedure of carrying on the business of the Council Executive was reviewed by a special committee and the following recommendation, effective January 1st, 1950, was adopted: "That inasmuch as the present method causes much repetition, the work being done first in committee and then at the Board, the principle of taking the work of the National, Overseas and Finance Departments direct to the Board be accepted and weekly Board meetings be resumed." There have, therefore, been 32 regular meetings as compared with 19 last year, with an average attendance of 13. Two special meetings were also held. The President, Mrs. Arthur W. Pae, presided over all but two of the meetings. When free to do so, Miss Macarthur, Miss Reith and Miss Whale sat with the Executive.

The Sub-Executive, having Board powers and consisting of the President, first Vice-President, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, the Treasurer and the National and Overseas Executive Secretaries, dealt with any emergency matters arising between regular meetings. The action taken by the Sub-Executive was reported at the subsequent meeting of the Council Executive. Three Sub-Executive meetings were held.

Because of the change in policy the number of committee meetings has been greatly reduced, but each member of Council Executive was still a member of at least one committee. All recommendations from committees were presented to Council Executive for acceptance or rejection.

Members of the Council Executive represented the Women's Missionary Society on many of the Boards of our Church, such as the General Board of Missions, its Executive and Sub-Executives, the Joint Estimates Committee, the Joint Candidates Committee, the Budget and Stewardship Committee, the Missionary Education and Visual Education Committee and the Children's and Youth Committees of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies.

In co-operation work with other Churches the Society, through members of Council Executive, had representation on the Children's Work Committee of the Canadian Council of Churches, the National Canadian Girls in Training Committee, the Women's Inter-Church Council, the Canadian Overseas Missions Council, the Foreign Missions

Conference of North America, the Inter-Church Committee on Missionary Education, the Council of the Canadian School of Missions, the Joint Medical Board, the Committee on Canadian Church Relief Abroad, the Canadian Council of Churches, the Board of All-India Christian Medical College at Vellore, the Missionary Committee of the Student Christian Movement and the Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children in Mission Fields.

In August Toronto was host to the World Convention on Christian Education. Miss Lily Macarthur, Miss Grace Mackay, Miss Muriel Judd, Miss Ruby Walker, Miss Elizabeth Moodie and Miss Grace Irvine were delegates to this gathering. Miss Macarthur and Miss Moodie also attended the International Children's Work Conference preceding the World Convention on Christian Education.

During the year Miss Reith attended the convention of the Missionary Education Movement of the United States and Canada held in Buck Hill Falls. Miss Pelton and Miss Whale were present at the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, and Miss Whale also attended the convention of Associated Church Press in Syracuse, N.Y.

Council Executive representation was present at the Annual Meetings of Toronto and Kingston, Montreal and Ottawa, Hamilton and London and Manitoba Synodicals and at the Annual Meetings or Spring Rallies, in some instances both, of 42 Presbyterials. On behalf of Council Executive, Miss Lily Macarthur visited the Presbyterials in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, while Miss Ruby Walker attended those of Alberta and British Columbia.

It is with pleasure that we report that the positions of National Youth Secretary and National Girls' Work Secretary have now been filled by Miss Grace Irvine and Miss Helen Bricker, B.A., respectively. We are glad, also, to report the appointment of Miss Elizabeth Moodie as Associate Children's Secretary. We welcome to our staff these three National Secretaries, each of whom is well qualified for her task and bespeak for them the loyalty and co-operation of each member of the Society.

The agreement continues with the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies whereby our National and Regional Secretaries are considered as Christian Education Secretaries connected with the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies as well as with the Women's Missionary Society. This basis of co-operation has proved of value in furthering the work among our young people. With the exception of the Girls' Work Secretary, who is employed jointly by the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies and the Women's Missionary Society, all other National and Regional Secretaries are in the full employ of our Society.

It was with regret that the resignation of the following members of staff were received during the year: Mrs. Charles Steinmetz, Deaconess, Hungarian work; Mrs. Michael Fesenko, Deaconess, Ukrainian work; Miss Isabel Scott, Deaconess, Secretary to the Superintendent of Western Missions; Miss Gertrude Rollo, Reg.N., India; Miss Janet Carruthers, Nurse at Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School.

The faithful service of these workers while members of our staff was much appreciated and we wish them well in the days ahead.

With deep regret, too, the resignation of Mrs. W. A. McLennan as Library Secretary and of Miss Laura K. Pelton as Student Secretary were accepted. For some years these two members of Council Executive have carried the responsibilities of two offices, and they feel that to do justice to all the offices concerned there should be a Library Secretary and a Student Secretary appointed to Council Executive. The Nominating Committee has been so directed.

In keeping with our policy that our workers should not remain for an indeterminate period in any one field Miss Ruby Walker has been withdrawn as Regional Secretary in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and following the Council Meeting will undertake similar duties in the eastern Synodicals.

The Regional Secretaries, Miss Grace Mackay, Miss Athalie Read, and Miss Ruby Walker were brought to Toronto early in January for a conference with the members of Council Executive.

It was decided that the Annual Report should be published early in June if at all possible. This was accomplished, and we wish to thank all Secretaries throughout the Society who, by their promptness in forwarding their reports, greatly assisted Miss Whale and her staff. If any information is lacking or in error please note that the co-operation of every Secretary from Auxiliaries to Council Executive is necessary if our report is to be published completely, correctly and in good time.

The Women's Missionary Society joined with the Church in observing the 75th Anniversary of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. This year, too, marks twenty-five years publication of *The Glad Tidings*, the missionary magazine of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D). In celebration of this the September issue reviews the various publications which have brought missionary information to the members of our Society from 1876 to the present time.

During the year the following pamphlets were prepared and distributed: National Advance, ''Keep These Doors Open in Canada'';

Overseas Advance, "They Wait For You". We would mention, too, the 1950-51 studies, *Our Share in the World Mission* for Senior groups and *Around the World to Canada* for Girls' Organizations, prepared by Miss Louise Reith and the Children's Study, *Friends Across Canada* prepared by Miss Lily Macarthur.

When flood disaster struck Winnipeg and district, Council Executive forwarded a grant of $1,000 in the name of the Women's Missionary Society. This was augmented by several gifts received from individual members and groups within the Society.

Council Executive places on record its sincere appreciation to all National and Overseas missionaries on our staff, to our National and Regional Secretaries and to the office staff. Because each in her own place gave so willingly and unreservedly of her time and strength in the interests of the work of our Society as embodied in our motto, "The World For Christ" the past year has been one of progress.

Council Executive wishes to record its tribute of respect to those who, during the past year, have been called to be with Him Whom they served so faithfully during their lifetime. We call to mind in remembrance:

Miss Luella Crockett, for many years our missionary in South China and later in Manchuria.

Dr. Luther L. Young, for foundations well laid in the work among the Koreans in Japan.

At the Council Meeting in Calgary, Council Executive was charged with the responsibility of launching a three-year programme of advance. We briefly record some of the achievements of the past year:

The appointment of a second Hospital Visitor, Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, in the city of Montreal;

The purchasing, equipping and staffing of two missionary vans for western Canada;

The purchase of the first mobile medical unit for the Bhil Field, India;

The appointment of a fourth Regional Secretary, Miss Margaret MacNaughton, B.A., a graduate of the Missionary and Deaconess Training School.

These achievements and others of which you will hear from the various Secretaries on Council Executive, give us cause for thanksgiving to God for having blessed our efforts and to the members of our Society for their support. As we seek this week to learn how we may still further "Lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes" may God continue to guide and bless us for without Him we can do nothing. —*Helen M. Horne,* Recording Secretary.

Finances

MRS. G. R. PYE, Treasurer, in making her report to Council said: "I hope that you will feel as I do—confident that our Society is on the forward march.

"1949 receipts in the General Fund were the highest in the history of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, $189,788.89. This year to date contributions through the Synodical are $6,670.00 above last year. Our advance programme for the year is well under way—2 vans in our Western Provinces, a mobile medical unit now en route to India, new and additional personnel in our National and Overseas work and many other indications that the women of our Church are facing up to the problems and the opportunities and are accepting the challenge they present."

From the *General Fund* 1949 balance, disbursements were made for cost of living bonuses, Manitoba Flood Relief Fund and Formosa Emergency, amounting to $6,950.00; leaving on hand $6,489.00.

Supply Fund—Balance on hand January 1st, 1950, $6,125.85. The receipts from the Synodicals to date including a special gift amount to $6,259.43, with expenditures amounting to $6,887.65, leaving a balance of $5,497.63.

Overseas Fund—To the balance on hand of $7,655.50 was added interest amounting to $57.24, leaving a balance of $7,712.74. At the first of next year there will be an expenditure of $4,000 to Mrs. Rumball for use in rebuilding churches for the Koreans in Japan.

Special Fund—To the balance on hand of $32,919.92 was added receipts of $617.32. The balance now on hand is $33,537.24.

Pension Fund—To $80,585.67 on hand January 1st has been added receipts amounting to $3,107.84. Disbursements amounting to $1,374.66 now leaves a balance of $82,318.85. Since the last Council Meeting five members of staff have been added to the Pension Fund and two have withdrawn. There are now thirty-six members of staff now on the Pension Plan.

Legacy Fund—The balance in this Fund at the beginning of the year was $69,492.25. Receipts totalling $6,479.21 have been received to date. The disbursements amounting to $7,832.42 leave a balance of $68,139.04

Peace Thanksgiving Fund

Capital Account—The balance in this account now is $40,269.99.

Income Account—To the sum on hand January 1st, 1950, of $2,017.46 has been added income amounting to $1,711.52. Various disbursements to the sum of $1,994.00 leaves a balance of $1,734.98.

ORGANIZATIONS

Senior Auxiliaries

MRS. W. A. MCLENNAN

The text of Mrs. McLennan's report of the Senior Auxiliaries is found on the *Auxiliaries* page—page 439.

Evening Department

MISS E. LUZETTA MCCLELLAND, SECRETARY

SINCE this report is being presented in Guelph I should like to take this opportunity of welcoming to the Evening Department twelve Auxiliaries from Guelph Presbyterial who transferred to the Department at the beginning of this year. That leaves exactly twelve spaces where Young Women's Auxiliaries can be organized. I would remind the Evening Auxiliaries, that the opportunities are legion to interest younger persons in the work which is so dear to our hearts. That was the primary reason for the formation of the Evening Department, and it is one of our aims that the Evening Department Auxiliaries should take the initiative in trying to organize Young Women's Auxliaries and in giving some help and guidance where necessary.

It has been found most difficult to organize younger members of a congregation as long as another group is known as a Young Women's Auxiliary, when they are no longer young Neither is it easy or even possible to interest the young women in the existing group. A group which has been a Young Women's Auxiliary for from ten to twenty years is due to move into the Evening Department and they are doing so.

We are not as interested in swelling the number of Auxiliaries in this department as we are interested in leaving a space for a new group. I wish you would go home and examine your Presbyterials for those groups which are mis-named at this time. Many of them are doing quite good work, but many of them are taking their responsibilities far too lightly for a mature group. The very fact that they consider themselves ''juniors'' has had that effect. Only this fall I heard a member of an Evening Auxiliary where I was visiting remark that now they were seniors they would have to step along and do more.

At every opportunity we have stressed the systematic use of weekly envelopes, preferably duplex as opposed to monthly envelopes or any other form of reaching the objective. The use of the weekly envelopes is growing and we feel sure that the $2,600 increase last year is largely due to this fact. If the auxiliary can sell the idea to its members and has the courage to launch out of old practices it will bring results. It has been known to double receipts without effort.

We encourage the use of the Annual Report for comparisons. We encourage a little figuring and the finding of averages. It is disconcerting to find such a wide range of—shall we say ''effort''—in auxiliaries with adult personnel. Two cents a week per member to fifty-one cents per week per member. The latter is extremely high and it is very gratifying to have an Auxiliary which can reach it. We are still working at the Evening Department objective of an average of twenty-five cents per week. We are a long way from it yet—not half way, to be truthful, but in two years we have raised the yearly average forty cents per member. Twenty-eight of that was in 1949.

We feel that affiliated groups should be given an allocation and encouraged to make voluntary offerings in weekly envelopes for their missionary work the same as an Auxiliary, whatever other methods they may use for their own church projects. Home Helpers should be supplied with the weekly envelopes, too, and put on the same basis as active members. We have found that the surest way of increasing interest, which in turn immediately increased the feeling of responsibility is to have members of one Auxiliary meet other Auxiliary members. To this end the three Eastern Synodicals get together in a Conference every other year. Last year as you remember the Conference was in Montreal. This is not a conference year, but next year the conference is to be held in London and is being planned by the London Presbyterial Auxiliaries. Since this was a very new and responsible project, and a very big one too, help was promised to them at the time London offered to have the next conference. To this end in May ten Evening Department members drove to London for a week-end at their own expense and conferred with the Committee which had been set up in London. We helped them set up their sub-committees, outlined the duties of each, left them mailing lists, etc., for publicity purposes and talked over most suitable dates and discussed some programme details —and they treated us royally. We would appreciate it if Synodical and Presbyterial Executives could send a delegate to this conference and encourage every auxiliary to send at least one. These conferences have been of untold value.

On the strength of the success of the conference in Montreal, Miss Hill, the Evening Department Secretary in Montreal and Ottawa Synodical, had the courage to launch out into a week-end camp conference this year. She used as her committee the secretaries of the Presbyterials in the Synodical. The week-end was held at Lancaster Peace Memorial Camp the last week-end in June. There were thirty-five to forty delegates there and the whole week-end was a signal success. They were overjoyed at their success and it will not be the last of its kind, I am sure. The programme gave very practical help to the delegates as well as inspirational messages. The Cornwall Evening Auxiliary—a whole bus-load of them—came out and presented to the camp the pageant just as we witnessed it last year in Calgary. Mrs. Riley had received the script from Mrs. Jamieson and had made a very splendid presentation. I believe that was the third time they had done it. The costumes were beautiful and every bit as picturesque as they were in Calgary. Four from Toronto supported this camp—two as speakers and two as delegates. Some at that camp had never been anywhere to meet others engaged in the same work they were attempting. Two particularly were from a new and isolated group and were the guests of the camp. They were thrilled and enthralled and I'm quite sure they were sufficiently influenced that we shall see results from that wee corner. I shall be interested in following their efforts.

Another method of getting together is to have what we in Toronto call a ''little conference''. This is a Presbyterial effort and usually takes place on a Saturday afternoon and evening with supper served between. This has been found very helpful in presenting our work, both national and overseas, and in presenting Departmental objectives and plans.

In one Presbyterial where the Secretary felt that some of the outlying Auxiliaries were not getting in to Presbyterial gatherings, either through indifference or difficulties of time and transportation, visiting teams have been formed to visit these groups to take charge of part of the meeting, this having the double value of presenting a well-thought out and well conducted meeting and giving the visited group a friendly contact with others engaged in the same work.

This—at the present time—is the Evening Department and how it works in parts of our territory. We hope it will bring results and it is our hope, too, that you will take back those points which would be most beneficial in your own section. When reports come in at the end of the year I know that many more successful projects will come to light and will have added their share to the Evening Department effort.

The Young Women's Department

MRS. C. N. JOHNSTON, SECRETARY

THERE is just no doubt about this statement, that the department for young women looks 100% brighter this year than it did this time last year. I hardly need to tell you the reason. She is right here, Miss Grace Irvine.

If we have been holding our own in the last two years, we can most assuredly say we will advance in 1951. We will formally introduce Miss Irvine and she will have something to say later.

We do not believe in dwelling on the past but only to take a quick look at it in order to help with our plans for the future. Miss Irvine will tell you about these plans. I would like to call to your attention some observations we have made from the reports. In some cases we know that these are not a true picture, but we must make our conclusions from what appears on the report. The Synodical and Presbyterial Secretaries could check on these weak points.

For example the Supply Department. We have always felt this is one department of particular interest to the young women. From the reports we have 16 auxiliaries who did not send in any supplies or money to this department. There may be a reason. Do you, as Synodical Young Women's Secretary or Presbyterial Young Women's Secretary know why? Then we would like to know too. We would like every auxiliary to make their contribution to this department.

Subscriptions to *The Glad Tidings* has been, and still is, one of the most discouraging. We seem to dwell on this year after year, but it just doesn't improve; 510 subscriptions or one in every four. We are so anxious for increased subscriptions. There are 1,678 young women who should be potential readers. We have *one* auxiliary with every member a subscriber. We are proud of that group but 28 auxiliaries do not report any subscriptions. Surely these auxiliaries cannot carry on without consulting the magazine. This is the second department where we can increase.

Contributions from the Young Women's Department to the General Fund have been splendid and the grand total shows a substantial increase. The average has not reached $4.00 a member per year yet, and you will remember we hoped last year that we could bring that up to $5.00 per member per year. We have one auxiliary with 15 members which sent in $7.10, another auxiliary sent in $56.00, and still another who sent in $20.00 because it appears in their minutes that only $20.00 be sent each year.

These situations as they appear on the reports are not according to our policy and we feel they could be checked and perhaps changed. We still maintain that free-will offering by envelope is the best suggestion. Just recently we received a letter saying that in January with 17 members the offering was $4.50. By April with envelopes with 18 members the offering was $13.00.

We have outlined here three departments in which our Auxiliaries have room for improvement, and as you receive the reports from the auxiliaries check these departments and find out why they are not increasing.

Activity among the members of the Young Women's department in their local church is good and should be encouraged, but we would like to see the groups taking a wider and keener interest in Christian Education. Very little is ever said about the literature or library departments. The study, of course, is used by most auxiliaries but could we try to improve our programmes even further by including more Bible Study, and leadership training.

We can advance the work of the church by creating in our young women a deeper sense of responsibility to the Church. When someone is invited to speak to our auxiliaries endeavour to have one who will increase our missionary and Christian education. Let us try to keep our meetings missionary and not just ask anyone to speak in order to fill out the time. If we are missionary minded let us make our meetings a means of acquiring knowledge and thus improve and advance our work.

Miss Grace Irvine

Miss Grace Irvine

IN these days of grave crisis, will our Church, under God, become the spiritual beacon for the future?

It depends upon whether we keep our young people coming into the ranks. It calls for a small army of people dedicated to the belief that the time is at hand to cross the river and take possession of a truly fruitful land.

According to a leading psychologist, the greatest verse in the Bible is this: ''This one thing I do. Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.''

There are several reasons why this verse seems particularly helpful to me at the present time. During my orientation course in the office at 100 Adelaide St. West, studying the letters and reports of the work of our former Young Women's Secretaries, it would be easy for me to become defeatist. And then, as I looked out upon our world, the thought has occurred: This is no time for faint-heartedness. These are times of grave crisis and fateful decision. And as I look up, I see the same stars which have lighted our workers throughout the decades of this Society's usefulness. ''The World for Christ''.

I see the same stars which have guided Christians throughout all the centuries of Christianity. Because, incredible as it may sometimes seem, and shameful as the many compromises of the Christian Church may have been, it is still true that God has been in the Christian Church as He has been in no other institution on this planet.

Now, as the call comes to me to share in guiding the youth of our Church toward a greater understanding of the spiritual needs of our day, and of the way in which they can meet them, we suggest some goals toward which we would advance. As I listened to reports to-day, and realized the many calls being placed upon you, I hesitate to make more requests, and yet I realize that it has always been thus in the Church. Would John Mark have written a Gospel of our Lord without the strengthening effect of a great-hearted Barnabas behind him? Would Timothy have passed on the faith without a St. Paul to guide him? And even St. Paul! How tenderly he refers in his Philippian letter to the certain women who have laboured with him. Was his growing tenderness a sign that he, too, had grown in gentleness through the influence of Christian women?

There is a great deal of potential energy either unawakened or undirected in our Church ranks. We must build some bridges between the Departments, and so it lies with our Senior and Evening Auxiliaries to make the contact with young women preparatory to the arrival of a travelling secretary. It rests with you to keep in touch with our teen-agers, with young mothers, new brides, and displaced persons in your community. Without that spade work my work is impossible. Could you plan one meeting of the year when older teen-age girls and young women will be invited to attend and take part in the meeting? And in planning a meeting designed to interest young women, try to keep it on a friendly informal basis.

Our part in the Advance: at present we have 129 groups; our goal is 175 groups, or one new group in each Presbyterial. We have at present 510 subscribers, our goal is double that number.

Girls' Organizations

MRS. HAROLD KEEFER, SECRETARY

THE presentation of the work of the girls' department was done by three speakers. Mrs. Keefer introduced Miss Helen Bricker, B.A., to Council. Following Miss Bricker's message, Mrs. Keefer spoke of the need for co-operation between the Church and the Society. She called upon Reverend J. S. Clarke, General Secretary of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, to present the work of Christian education from the point of view of the Church.

Rev. James S. Clarke

Mr. Clarke expressed the gratitude and appreciation for the good will, co-operation and support which his Board has received especially with camps and from the organizations and regional secretaries. Mr. Clarke expressed the gratitude of his Board for the great generosity of the Women's Missionary Society in providing a building for the Medicine Hat Training School. Special mention was made of the legacy received from the Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, which was used in the purchase of the school building.

The Women's Missionary Society and the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies share a common purpose, that of advancing the work of the Church especially through the promotion of Christian Education and Missionary Education. We work together in keeping all activities for children, girls and young people closely related to Sunday School and mid-week programmes are to be continued expressions of the Christian teaching received in the Sunday School. We aim to have the same teacher give leadership in the mid-week group. Mr. Clarke pointed out that: "The Canadian Girls in Training programme belongs to the Christian Education task of the Church. It is not the responsibility of the Women's Missionary Society alone. It is our purpose to have every member of the C.G.I.T.

a member of the Sunday School. In order to share joint responsibility with each congregation in the promotion of girls' work, it is suggested that each congregation have a committee for girls' work composed of representatives from the W.M.S., the Sunday School and the Kirk Session. Such a committee will have oversight for girls' work, and would be responsible to find and train leaders. Christian Education is so important to-day that we can no longer leave it to the responsibility of any one group in the Church.''

Mrs. Keefer concluded the presentation of Girls' Work by asking for co-operation on all levels. The detail of her report is being presented in the Girls' Organizations page this month and next.

Miss Helen Bricker

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It is a great honour and privilege to be associated with the Women's Missionary Society in their self-appointed task of helping to ''Win the World for Christ''. The members of the Society are ladies who devote themselves untiringly to a very important service, and who seldom if ever get much praise. At this meeting I am given an opportunity of saying a few words of commendation. I say them merely as an interested onlooker, for that is all I have been until recently. It takes a great deal of Christian vision in these days to believe in, and work toward, a kingdom of love and peace. It takes a great deal of Christian grace to work together in fellowship with women of every race and colour. It takes a great deal of Christian patience to ignore the indifference of many, and work faithfully towards your common goal.

At the present time, in foreign fields there are opportunities unlimited which may never again be given us, but we must not overlook the opportunities unlimited at home. Teachers and educators are becoming increasingly aware that an overwhelming proportion of our children are growing up in complete ignorance of their Christian heritage and of the knowledge of Christ which alone can give them abundant life.

In plain truth, we are miserably neglecting the Christian education of our children and young people. It is a shattering experience to teach a lesson in English which has references from the Bible, and discover that not one Protestant child in the class has any knowledge of the Scripture passage whatsoever. More than half of the Protestant children are never inside a Sunday School and have no Christian education of any kind.

If all the children who listed themselves as Presbyterian in the last Dominion census, were suddenly to appear in Sunday School, there would not be room for one-third of them. In a Presbytery in this Synod, of a population of 20,000 Presbyterian church members, only 552 girls are enrolled in girls' groups. If only we could find leaders who would go into their own communities, and get the children into Sunday School or boys' and girls' groups, we would at least have the opportunity of presenting the Christian faith to them. If we don't do so, within three generations, the Presbyterian Church in this country could become of no account, and within five generations could completely disappear.

It is not a time to be merely shocked about the situation and pessimistic about the future—it is a time to be ''up and doing''. Never before have times been so difficult for our girls. They are faced with temptations and decisions every day of their lives without the Christian background which can give them the necessary armour to meet them. It has never before been so important that we carry forward the work of teaching and training our girls in Christian living.

It is my hope that God will somehow make use of me in helping to meet this challenge.

Children's Department

MRS. GORDON WALLACE, SECRETARY

NOW that we have two secretaries in the Children's Department, it will be possible to spend more time in leadership training than in the past. It is the plan to go into a Presbyterial, if agreeable to that Presbyterial, and spend some time there, probably some weeks, depending upon the need and the number of groups, giving courses in leadership training and giving assistance to leaders, wherever possible demonstrating the various aspects of the work. Miss Macarthur and Miss Moodie will also be eager to learn new ideas from the successful leaders whom they encounter. This fall some work will be done in the Synodical of Montreal and Ottawa and this winter in Ontario. The Western Synodicals have been fortunate in having regional secretaries, but poor Ontario has been neglected.

You will see by the report of the Children's Department on page 28 that the over all picture of our work among children is not very encouraging. Quite a few Bands were organized but just as many others disbanded for lack of a suitable leader. As usual about the same number of leaders failed to send in any report of their Band so we can't hide behind the claim that perhaps if all had reported the picture might be better. We have many fine leaders—leaders who walk in close communion with their Saviour and, like Him, they love little children. They love to tell the story of His Redeeming Love to the children and implant in their minds and hearts the urgency to spread the message of love to others everywhere. Our great need is scores and scores more of such consecrated leaders. We all know that the great weakness of our Children's Department is lack of such leaders or in many cases any leader at all. Why *haven't* we as many leaders as we need, whose hearts are burning with the desire to reach the children for Christ? Don't you think the answer lies with us? Jesus did not tell us to go out and hunt leaders. He said, "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: *pray* ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that *He* will send forth labourers into *His* harvest." (Luke 10: 2). Ladies, we must pray for the scores of leaders we need. If the spiritual life of the women of our Presbyterian Church was what it ought to be, I am convinced that there would be no lack of leaders. In order that the Holy Spirit may reach our children through us, we must have a constant consciousness of the need of Christ, practising His presence always through confession, repentance and a complete surrender of the whole being to Christ. This is very familiar ground but we cannot have been really serious in our devotion. It is easier to feel that we have fulfilled our duty to God when we have gone to meetings, completely carried out the administrative duties of our office in the W.M.S. and attended church services. It is possible to do all this without Christ touching us very deeply. If we W.M.S. women could give up our self-will and let God have His way in our lives, I am convinced that a spiritual wind would sweep through our Church which would reach into our homes, to our children and raise up all the leaders we need.

Mrs. Wallace introduced Miss Elizabeth Moodie, the new Associate Secretary of the Children's Department.

Miss Elizabeth Moodie

"I count it a privilege to have been asked to join the staff of the Women's Missionary Society. However, it is with mixed feelings that I stand here this afternoon, for I realize the responsibility I have accepted in having consented to serve my Master and my Church as a Children's Secretary.

I have always been convinced that a great work can be accomplished in the furtherance of the Kingdom through work with the youngest members of our congregations, but this was impressed upon my mind more than ever during the past summer as I attended the Convention in Toronto.

Christian leaders from many countries emphasized that the hope of the growing Church is in the early Christian experience of our children. This experience cannot begin too early for we know that many of our first impressions are carried through to our adult life—to our detriment.

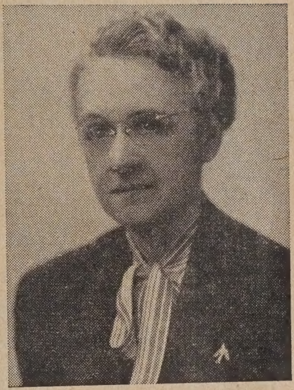
The other point that seemed uppermost in the minds of these same leaders was the need of a Christian influence in the home. Personally I feel that one of the most effective ways of reaching the home is through the child. I know of no better missionary than the enthusiastic, persistent, little child who sincerely loves and respects his Church and teacher. He or she can perform wonders in changing an indifferent parent.

And so I am looking forward to my new work and although I lack much in experience at present, I am here to serve you to the best of my ability, wherever I may be of use to our churches and groups."

Miss Lily Macarthur spoke on the theme of co-operation between the two Boards of the Church. "We will be working more closely with Sunday School teachers than we have in the past. The teaching of Sunday School and the work of missions cannot be separated. We hope to pass on to workers some of the emphasis of the Children's Workers' Conference and the World Convention. First it is our aim that we train our children at different age limits to a consciousness of God's revelation in Jesus Christ. That means that if we are to show Him to others, we as leaders must live in fellowship with Him. We must know the Bible, know how to present the Bible, and since it is the same child in Sunday School and mid-week group, the training must be co-ordinated." Miss Macarthur stressed the important place the home has in making the work of the leaders effective. She urged members of the Women's Missionary Society to co-operate by bringing parents and leaders together.

Overseas Missions

Miss Laura K. Pelton, Executive Secretary



Miss Laura K. Pelton

MISS PELTON'S address on Thursday night of the Council week showed the extent of the Advance programme of the Society in Overseas missions. Her message showed too, the possibilities for greater and greater witness by our Church and our Society.

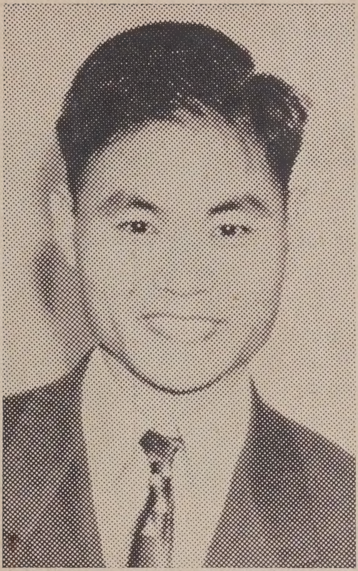
One of the policies of the churches supporting missions abroad is now to bring from the "receiving" countries, young men and women, to give them training on this continent and send them back to serve their people. Miss Pelton introduced two young people who are in Canada, supported by our Society. Miss Katherine Sun, from Yunnan, China has been here one year. She has completed a year in University and is this year taking the deaconess course. Mr. Wenchi Kim, a young Korean from Japan, was ministering to a church in Osaka at the time Miss Pelton and Mr. Munro were visiting in Japan. His wish to help his people in the best possible way became known to the delegation and he has been brought to this country to study at Knox College.

The stories of our Overseas Missions are told from time to time in the *Glad Tidings*. We give a brief summary here of the advance made in the Overseas department.

In Taiwan, two people have been added to the staff: a nurse for Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taipeh and a Taiwanese Bible woman appointed to do evangelistic work. A new projector to aid in the evangelistic work has been sent.

Two new pieces of equipment for the Helen Macdonald Memorial School, Jhansi, India, are on their way: two projectors and a tape recorder. New quarters have been provided for the Primary School.

On the Bhil field in India, the first mobile medical clinic has been purchased. A teachers training course has been instituted. This is a new and distinct advance in our whole educational programme. A new native-type house has been provided for our missionaries at Balkar. This will place the missionaries in a most strategic place for evangelistic work, a place where they will be in a position to witness to a large



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Mr. Wenchi Kim

non-Christian area. There are two Christian congregations to work with them.

The Society has already sent $1,000 to help rebuild one of the Korean churches in Japan. An additional $200 has been sent to assist in repairing the roof of the church. A sum of $4,000 is to be sent to help in the church building programme. The Korean people believe that they can raise a sum equal to any sum sent from the home Church and the money will all go to restore the bomb-damaged churches. Our Society is supporting two Bible women.

1951 Objectives: Miss Pelton said she was looking forward to sending a second mobile clinic for medical field work among the Bhils in India. She hopes to send two missionaries to India, one to be a nurse; two teachers for Taiwan; two missionaries for the Koreans in Japan and to bring another young person to Canada for training.

Prospects for These Objectives: Plans are under way for the placing of the second mobile clinic in India. Of the two missionaries required for India one has been appointed. Miss Agnes Hislop of Meath Park, Saskatchewan will begin special training for this appointment early in the new year. A young lady has agreed to go to the Koreans in Japan. She will be officially appointed the first of the year. Of the two teachers for Taiwan, a fully qualified young woman has expressed herself as willing to go if appointed and the way is still open. A fourth young woman, fully qualified, has applied for work overseas. All this means that for 1951 we have two new missionaries, a likely third and the strong possibility of the fourth.

We have an application from the Council of missionaries in Taiwan for a young Tai-

Miss Katherine Sun

wanese graduates of our school in Tamsui to come to Canada for one or two years' study. We would be responsible for only part of her expenses.

In 1950, we have achieved our expectations. All things being equal, 1951 will be our heaviest expense and greatest progress in the three-year advance.

"There are some people in our Church, who wonder if we have to evacuate one of our overseas fields, will that curtail our overseas work. Through the International Missionary Council, we have already inquired about new work overseas and we have now specific areas calling for our help. Should we have to evacuate an overseas field, make no mistake about it, we shall branch out and keep on branching out so long as there are fields open to the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

National Missions

MISS FRIEDA E. MATTHEWS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Miss Frieda E. Matthews

THE report of the National Secretary showed how our W.M.S. Advance programme had progressed in 1950. Miss Matthews told of her own observations of the field she supervises and spoke of reports sent to her by national workers. There are many stories that can be told—stories that make glad the hearts of all who love the missionary cause. Miss Matthews has promised to tell many of these stories in subsequent issues of the magazine. We give you here a brief survey of her report.

Changing immigration laws now allow whole Chinese families to enter Canada. This has a beneficial effect upon the work of the Church among the Chinese. Boys and girls coming out are seeking training in English and are finding it at our centres in Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver and Victoria. From the classes the young people become interested in the work of the Church. "When the new Chinese Church was opened in Montreal the choir had a number of boys who had very recently come from China." So great is the demand for education that not only is every member of our Chinese centre staffs engaged in the teaching programme, but volunteer workers are giving their time to this work too. A few years ago, the Chinese community in Vancouver numbered 10,000 people. The number now is 15,000—a growth of 50% in a very short time.

The Church must concern itself with the new awakening among the Indian people. The Indian now desires recognition and a place in the society of our land. This is evidenced by the representations being made to Ottawa from time to time. This change is shown for instance in Birtle. There, a few years ago, it was an event for a child to reach entrance standing, now there are seventeen children in High School. The older boys and girls this year were employed in carefully selected summer jobs. They were successful in their work. It is the hope and prayer of those in the Church who are responsible for these young people, that the efforts of years may soon bear fruit for the Indian people, that their young people, with a Christian education as a foundation, may take an equal place with Canadians in all walks of life. There is a great opportunity and a great responsibility for our Church to give guidance to these people at this time.

The romance of pioneer days was experienced this summer by four girls employed by our Society. In two panel trucks, equipped for eating and sleeping, and with projector, slides, film strips and literature of The Presbyterian Church and Society, they travelled hundreds of miles into areas where no Church had even had work. In these areas they conducted as many Daily Vacation Bible Schools as they could, established Sunday Schools and took names for Sunday School by post. In one school in Northern Saskatchewan they conducted the first Christian service in eight years. A church service in Alberta was the first in six years. The girls took clothing to areas where there was need. One van had a vital part to play in taking clothing for relief during the flood in Manitoba. Christian missions on wheels may well be a new vogue for carrying the Gospel to people in Canada. Certainly the initial venture has been a great success. Already plans are being made to continue the mission next summer, and if possible to increase the number of vans to the field.

The attendance at St. Margaret's Girls' Centre last year was 7. The girls from there are all from homes where there has been some sort of problem. The Children's Centre in Vancouver and Montreal have a good attendance. The one at Portage la Prairie has been closed and Miss Ripley is serving in Vancouver.

Our two hospital visitors are kept very busy and their work is bringing much comfort and help to folks who have a great need. Through their calls and distribution of literature many are brought closer to Christ than they have ever been.

Miss Matthews spoke of the work Miss Marjorie MacKay has done in Victoria Park Church, Lethbridge. Already there is a Sunday School of 60 students and a fine future for the witness of our Church exists there.

Five summer workers served the Society this year. Two were working with the vans. The remaining three girls accomplished a great deal in Northern Alberta and Southern Saskatchewan by making surveys, home visitations, by organizing groups, giving leadership training and conducting Bible Vacation Schools.

Miss Matthews introduced the following national missionaries: Hospital visitors, Mrs. S. Gillespie, Toronto, and Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, Montreal; Mrs. C. Steinmetz, former deaconess to the Hungarians in Toronto; deaconess Marjorie MacKay, now stationed at Chapman Camp, B.C.; Chinese workers, Fay McTavish and Irene Kong, Toronto; and Agnes McLeod, Flora Whiteford, Grace Baron, student deaconesses; Miss Vera Carson, Secretary to the National Department.

The Closing session of the Annual Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, stressed as did all the sessions a note of Advance. Mrs. Daniel Strachan, former Treasurer of the Society, and pioneer leader of the Women's Missionary Society of The Presbyterian Church, challenged the women to look ahead. She said that they could be proud of their missionary accomplishments, but that they could not be proud of the fact that there are in our Church to-day many women who have not been challenged to serve that Church. She felt it was time that as the only nationally organized Society for women in the Presbyterian Church, that the W.M.S. should make representation to the courts of the Church, that working with them, some plan could be made whereby Presbyterian women could be drawn into the larger work of the Christian Church.

She pointed to the many areas in the community where women—church women—should be extending Christian love and fellowship. "We must not water down the missionary work of our women but members of our Society should stand for wider interests as well." A motion was passed by the Council which takes into consideration this important widening of the work of the Women's Missionary Society.

Mrs. Harcourt Emra of Ottawa, expressed the thanks of Council for the many courtesies which the delegates enjoyed while attending the meeting in Guelph. The ladies of St. Andrew's Church and of Knox Church, who under the General Convener, Mrs. A. R. W. Davidson, left no stone unturned in the extension of hospitality. Mrs. Emra thanked the Rev. K. G. McMillan for his morning services of worship and for his kindness at all times. She expressed thanks to the Session and church officer of St. Andrew's Church; and to the Guelph Mercury and radio station CJOY for publicity given.

Rev. G. D. Johnston, M.A., M.B.E., Chairman of the General Board of Missions, conducted the installation of officers. ''This is a day when many people seem to be losing heart,'' said Mr. Johnston. ''We seem to feel that the time of our civilization is running out. Who are we to say that our time is running out? We need people with faith in God. As we go into the future we should do so with confidence and with hope. The day in which we labour is to-day. Let us learn the lesson of yesterday. Let us leave the problems of to-morrow until they arrive. Let us live to-day as in the sight of God.''

Supply Department

MRS. D. F. HAZELL, SECRETARY

IT would seem from reports of recent Synodical meetings that the word ''supplies'' raises many questions and much discussion follows. Our women have become very ''supply'' conscious. Add to this consciousness a liberal heart and a desire to help others and the result is sometimes an ''over'' supply. This generosity is to be commended but the question arises ''At what point does generosity become waste?'' Several missionaries on our Indian reserves have informed us that altogether too much was received. In one case the capacity of the house was severely taxed in an attempt to store all the bales.

This surplus was put to good use, however, at the time of the floods in Winnipeg, but floods do not happen frequently. Some surplus supplies found their way to the Church Relief Abroad depots but this work has now been discontinued. Other supplies were sent to needy families recently arrived from Holland.

If we received too much in the way of material supplies the same was not true in the Supply money received. Here we fell short and this is a serious matter. This year we estimate that it will cost at least $10,000 to clothe the Indian children. As I pointed out in my report last year our first, and perhaps most important duty is the clothing of almost three hundred Indian children in the Indian Residential School at Birtle, Manitoba, and the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School at Kenora, Ontario. This we undertook to do because of the privilege extended to us to give these children Christian teaching. There is no need to mention to you the rise in the cost of children's clothing. We are all keenly aware of that. Our women must be prepared to take that into consideration and give accordingly in their supply money contributions.

Thus far I have touched on only two aspects of our work. We must not neglect to mention the supplies for the Daily Vacation Bible Schools conducted by our own workers, for the Chinese Kindergartens at Toronto, Victoria, Vancouver and Montreal, the Children's Centre, Vancouver, supplies for St. Margaret's Girls' Centre, Toronto. These supplies are paid for directly from our supply money allocation. Thus you can understand that the emphasis in this department lies not in the *material* but in the *money* allocation. Times are changing, and we must adapt our methods to these changes.

In several quarters there is still confusion as to when allocations should go out—to whom they should go—when these allocations are to be filled. The minute from last year's Council meeting should clear these questions up. It was decided that the supply year should run concurrently with the financial year. As soon as Council accepts the allocations for the coming year they will be sent out to the Synodical supply secretaries who will in turn break these up among their several Presbyterials. The Presbyterial Supply Secretaries should lose no time in sending each group and Auxiliary in their bounds either a money or material allocation or both, according to their numbers and their givings to the General Fund of the Society, which may be found in the Annual Report. If a Secretary is in doubt she might write to the Auxiliary and find their preference. May I suggest here that the Evening and Young Women's Departments be given a money allocation as a great many of them are business women and have not the time to put on material allocations.

These allocations should be in the hands of the individual groups before the end of 1950. They will be the required allocations for the year 1951, and should be filled by September of 1951. The Treasurer has requested that Supply money be sent in regularly in the same way in which the General Fund money is forwarded.

One missionary wrote to the effect that the supplies were arriving at the reserves much too early in the year.

This situation can be easily remedied if each Supply Secretary gives instructions that September is the month to have all supplies in —and sent out by the end of that month, reaching the fields in October. If the Secretaries remind the ladies to send only the supplies asked for it will help in cutting down the surplus.

Business from Council Meeting

Finance:

Agreed, on motion of Mrs. Pye, seconded by Mr. Dutton, that the same auditors, Messrs. Henry Barber, Mapp and Mapp be appointed auditors for the Society for the year 1951.

The following recommendations regarding the Pension Fund were accepted:

1. That on completion of twenty years' service with our Society, $1,000 be paid into the Pension Account of each member of our staff who is on the Pension Plan.

Agreed, on motion of Mrs. Pye, seconded by Mrs. Ritchie Bell.

2. That present members on the Pension Plan who have already completed twenty years' or more with the Society should receive interest at the rate of 4% of the above amount for each year over twenty years, this to be paid into the Pension Fund.

Agreed, on motion of Mrs. Pye, seconded by Mrs. Harry S. Reid.

3. That it be understood that our Pension Plan does not preclude an employee entering into other work on her retirement.

Agreed, on motion of Mrs. Pye, seconded by Mrs. Logan-Vencta.

4. That at December 31st, 1950, the sum of $10,000 be transferred to the Pension Fund from the Special Fund.

Agreed, on motion of Mrs. Pye, seconded by Mr. Dutton.

Agreed, on motion of Mrs. Pye, seconded by Mr. Dutton, that expenses to the amount of $1,950.00 be authorized from the Peace Thanksgiving Fund.

Unanimously agreed, by a standing vote, on motion of Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mrs. Dougherty, that Council accept the estimates as presented, setting the objective as $200,000 for the work for 1951.

Agreed, on motion of Mrs. Pollock, seconded by Mrs. Lloyd, that the following allocations for 1951 be accepted:

General Fund:

British Columbia	$8,500.00	
Alberta	7,000.00	
Saskatchewan	4,500.00	
Manitoba	6,500.00	
Toronto and Kingston	72,000.00	
Hamilton and London	63,500.00	
Montreal and Ottawa	38,000.00	
		$200,000.00

Supply:

British Columbia	$ 450.00	
Alberta	400.00	
Saskatchewan	250.00	
Manitoba	325.00	
Toronto and Kingston	4,000.00	
Hamilton and London	3,500.00	
Montreal and Ottawa	1,800.00	
		$10,725.00

"The Glad Tidings":

The Recording Secretary read the following excerpt from the minutes of the Council Meeting of 1949:

> ''Agreed, on motion of Mrs. Inkster, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, that the Editorial Committee be asked to investigate the possibility of securing a lower cost of production and that a report be made to the next Council Meeting.''

The following excerpt from the minutes of Council Executive under date of December 6th, 1949, was read:

> ''Mrs. Inkster reported that tenders for the publication and distribution of *The Glad Tidings* had been received and discussed by the Editorial Committee. Recommended that the Society continue to have *The Glad Tidings* published and distributed by the Murray Printing Company and that the Corresponding Secretary so advise the Murray Printing Company. Agreed.''

Student Department:

Agreed, on motion of Miss Sybil White, seconded by Mrs. E. J. Olsen, that the following recommendation from the Committee appointed to give consideration to the work of the Student Department, be accepted:

> ''Whereas the Student Secretary's work of our Society, in cooperation with the Church court concerned, should be one of direct contact with students;
>
> ''Whereas the sending of names of students going to universities and normal schools can be done by the Secretary of an Auxiliary or a member elected to this particular task, thus making it unnecessary to appoint Presbyterial Student Secretaries;
>
> ''Whereas there should be a Student Secretary in each Synodical, who shall find assistants in other university and normal school centres within the bounds of the Synod;
>
> ''This Committee recommends to this Council convened in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Guelph, for its Annual Meeting on this day, September 29th, 1950, that Student Secretaries be elected

> as follows: one on Council Executive, one elected by each Synodical, who shall find assistants in other university and normal school centres within the bounds of the Synod, such assistants not to be members of Synodical Executive, and that there be no Student Secretaries elected by Presbyterials.''

Organizations:

At the Council Meeting of 1949 the following resolution from the Synodical of Alberta had been referred to Council Executive for consideration, a report to be presented to the 1950 Council:

> ''That the matter of paying the hotel expenses and entertainment of missionaries out on deputation work be re-opened. It is felt that there is discrimination when we pay expenses of secretaries in hotels and not missionaries, and expense funds in Auxiliaries and Presbyterials are not large enough to warrant the expense.''

This matter was dealt with at the Council Executive meeting held September 25th, 1950, and the following recommendation sent to Council,

> ''Recommended that the Council Executive be responsible for transportation; that where possible the missionary be entertained in a home, but if this is not possible, or if hotel expense be incurred, Council Executive be responsible.''

Agreed, on motion of Mrs. McLennan, seconded by Mrs. Emra.

The following resolution from the Synodical of British Columbia was again presented:

> ''Whereas our Women's Missionary Society has always been interested in relieving distress and improving social conditions as evidenced by its support of hospitals and their work, and whereas with the change from rural to an urban economy, one of the very urgent needs, for which provision is lacking, is the care of aged persons, therefore we urge Council Executive to explore the possibilities of establishing in Vancouver and other suitable places Eventide Homes for the care of aged people within our Presbyterian Church.''

Agreed, on motion of Mrs. McLennan, seconded by Mr. Dutton, that the same answer be made as last year, but that this recommendation be passed on to the Board of Evangelism and Social Action to be recommended to General Assembly.

The following resolution from British Columbia received in 1949 was received again in 1950:

> ''Whereas much of the enthusiasm and interest in the Presbyterial Annual Meeting is lost because of the reduction of Auxiliary delegates to one delegate, and whereas it is felt that this representation places too much responsibility on the single delegate, therefore be it

> resolved that each Auxiliary and affiliated group of the Senior, Evening and Young Women's Department be represented at the Presbyterial Annual Meeting by three delegates.''
>
> This would involve a change in the by-laws.

Agreed that the by-laws should not be changed.

The following resolution from British Columbia was then presented:

> ''Whereas a greater number of our members who cannot attend the annual meeting can be contacted when the Presbyterial Presidents and other members of the Presbyterial Executive attend regional meetings and visit outlying auxiliaries, thereby creating greater interest, therefore be it resolved that Council Executive be asked to allow Presbyterial Executives to use a portion of the grant given for expense of Presbyterial Presidents' and officers' visitation to outlying districts.''

Agreed, on motion of Mrs. McLennan, seconded by Mrs. Pollock, that the following recommendation from Council Executive be accepted:

> ''That the Synodical grant be given for promotion work within the bounds of a Synodical, the grant to be apportioned by the Synodical Executive to the Presybterials on the basis of relative cost of promotion work, each Presbyterial determining what type of promotion work would be in the best interests of the Society.''

Life Membership:

Agreed, on motion of Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mrs. Pollock, that the Executive be asked to give consideration to the preparation of a statement clarifying the regulations governing life memberships.

Expansion:

Following the presentation by Mrs. Strachan of a challenge to Council to bring a greater number of the women into the larger service of the Church, it was

> agreed, on motion of Mrs. Strachan, seconded by Miss Pelton, that this matter be brought under consideration by Council Executive in order that a plan may be formulated which would be submitted to a later or subsequent Council meeting.

Notice of Motion:

The following excerpt from the minutes of Council Executive under date of September 19, 1950, was read by the Recording Secretary.

> ''Agreed, on motion of Miss Pelton, seconded by Miss MacMurchy, that notice of motion be given at this Council Meeting that Council be held every second year.''

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

WE would remind all members of the Women's Missionary Society, as those who attended the Council Meeting were reminded, that literature is not a ''luxury'' but a ''necessity'' for all missionary groups, and that the use of good missionary books has an important part to play in the Advance programme of our Church and Society.

One Synodical Literature Secretary who made the effort to estimate the result of the increased use of study materials and other books found that wherever there was an increased use of the recommended missionary books there was a proportionate increase in money contributions to missions. What does that prove? It proves that by making the available literature known, by encouraging the women of our Church to read the books which tell of the work our own Church is doing, and of the work that is being accomplished by the Christian Church throughout the world, literature secretaries can take a very real part in the Advance programme.

Among the many words of wisdom to be found in the Book of Proverbs are these,—''Get wisdom, get understanding. . . . With all thy getting, get understanding.'' Truly ''understanding'' is a very important thing to have. It does make a difference—the difference between helping and condemning, between real interest and indifference. How many of us really understand the problems our missionaries face in the lands in which they serve? How much do we know about those lands? About the people? What the Church is doing? What has been accomplished? What remains to be done? Books on these lands if read and discussed can help to give that needed understanding.

It is only to be expected that when people understand a need their response to that need will be greater. Books containing information about the Church's work throughout the world are available through the Literature Department. Mimeographed Book Lists will be sent upon request. A Book List appears in this magazine each month. Books are reviewed and recommended each month on this page. Book displays are sent out upon request. Literature Secretaries *have* a part to play in the Advance programme as they make the materials known throughout the areas for which they are responsible!

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

From the Council Meeting

LET us look at ourselves as Senior Auxiliaries. Last year six new Auxiliaries were organized and three Affiliated groups. This year to date three new Affiliated groups are reported. In spite of the new groups there is a slight decrease in the total number of groups (of that we should be aware). There was in 1949 an increase of 138 in membership and an increase in contributions of $26,550. We say that is splendid and so it is but dare we be complacent and satisfied? Our aim is "To unite the women and children of the Church in prayer and service for the extension of the Kingdom". *Are we doing it?*

The plans of co-operation with the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies towards missionary education will not affect adult groups. By that we mean the women of the Church who will find their place in the Senior Auxiliary or the Evening Department Auxiliary. I have tried to analyse the reasons why the membership is smaller in both cases than it should be.

1. It is difficult to kindle an interest in missions and in the material about missions if up to that time there has been no information or any interest. Most people are more interested in particular things and particular people than in generalities. It takes time and patience and thought and a knowledge of these interesting things and people in order to kindle that interest in others. That little fire of interest you kindle needs careful tending or it will just die out.

2. Many people do not like meetings and they cannot be blamed if the meetings are slow or draggy or poorly planned.

3. We have the best to offer in programme material for meetings this next year but we need to put our best into the presentation of it. No one is interested in a "canned goods" presentation.

4. The fourth point in our analysis we mention with trepidation. Are Auxiliaries sometimes a bit exclusive and do they give the impression that the work of the local church can be done by others? Let us be very sure that we are a real and vital part of our own Church. Can it be that women have not been invited to help in the W.M.S. Auxiliary? Can it be that we lack watchfulness for our own Home Helpers? Are we very sparing in our visits to these members? Surely one visit a year is not enough.

Lastly have we the courage to turn our eyes in on ourselves and try to discover our own shortcomings?

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

"Youth Speaks its Mind"

(Notes from the Youth Division of the World Convention of Christian Education, held in Toronto this Summer).

"WE'RE here as seekers; we want to know how we may learn God's will for our lives. We want something to 'tie to' and 'live by'."

Statements such as this, uttered with conviction, were heard repeatedly in the Youth Division of the World Convention. Our group comprised approximately thirty young people of various races and nationalities,—representatives of "older" and "younger" churches. And there were fifty such groups in the Youth Division alone.

It was noticeable that, while our "younger church" representatives spoke less often than did the rest of us, they "got the ear" of the group immediately, and they led us back to look at the essentials of our faith.

"I certainly don't know the will of God by sudden inspiration, but only as I seek to do the little things that come to my hand. As I *do* what I *know,* I find new insight. Decision and action are inseparable."

"Doesn't it come by prayer and by reading the Bible,—when the soil is prepared to comprehend the will of God?"

"Not always,—too often we're tempted to interpret both to suit our own selfish desires."

"College students are taught to face facts, but in the Bible you can't always do that. One thing may contradict another."

"Well, the will of God isn't a *fixed* thing either. I think that's the way God intended it. He endowed us with the will to decide."

"But I want to *know* the answer in my own mind, so that I'm not constantly in conflict. There must be a surer way."

"As I see it,—(it was the 'younger church' speaking), God's plan for man's salvation was simple, but *never* easy. It is deep, and difficult, and to follow it, we need much prayer."

"Isn't that the way growth comes,—by moving on from one problem to another?"

"All we can do is to build up a reservoir of devotion to the will of God."

"We don't make provision for the Spirit of God to do His work. Just look what we do with Bible Study. We 'pretty it up' until all the supernatural is taken out of it."

"That's right. Why must older people think youth wants to be amused?"

These are the thoughts of youth, and no one can escape the feeling that such thinking on the part of our young women might have far-reaching effects for our Society, our Church, our very lives.

—*Grace Irvine.*

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

Report of Girls' Department

IN presenting the work of the Girls' Department this year it is not my intention to deal with many of the problems discussed in the past.

True, we have not overcome these problems. We still have a shortage of leaders; parents continue to show lack of co-operation. We still have to work hard to provide interesting programmes in order to hold the interest of our girls—indeed many of our difficulties seem almost perennial in the regularity with which they appear in the annual reports. However, after carefully analyzing and studying the whole situation in regard to our work among the girls we have come to the conclusion that the cause of most of our troubles goes far beyond these problems.

Due to the fact that for the past two years we have had no Girls' Work Secretary much of the material which would ordinarily have gone to her has been forwarded to us thus giving us a marvellous opportunity to obtain first hand information about the various groups. From this material and from conversations with our Regional workers and with Secretaries of other departments we have concluded that lack of co-operation is the greatest stumbling block to progress within our department.

Now you may ask "lack of co-operation between whom?" and we are compelled to state lack of co-operation throughout our entire organization!

There is an unfortunate tendency within our department to function as a separate unit thus depriving us of much helpful supporting and sustaining strength.

The Girls' department to many is an unknown quantity operating as it does within the Church building, as a self-contained organization. There may be affiliation with our Women's Missionary Society, but even then the affiliation is more often than not a mere ceremony—not a union of common interests.

If our department is to increase in strength we must begin to take our place as an integral part of the Church taking our responsibilities and assuming those duties which would make other members of our Church conscious of our desire to be what so many of our groups prefer to be, "Canadian Girls in Training".

The rest of Mrs. Keefer's report will be in the December issue.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, *Secretary*

LEADERS often ask for material such as recitations or a small pageant for a Christmas programme. Parents and guests are often present and the children like to present something special. These two numbers are submitted to you hoping you may find them useful in the Mission Band, Explorer Group, Sunday School or in the home. Some of the symbols so familiar to children at Christmas time such as the Christmas tree, candles, gaily wrapped parcels, are used as a means of focusing the worshipful attention of the children upon the real significance of Christmas.

The Christmas Tree

Once there was a spruce tree, bushy, straight and tall
In a grove of spruce trees, the finest of them all.
He wondered what the creator wanted him to be.
Something great he hoped for, not just to be a tree.
So the lovely spruce tree grew and grew and grew,
And lovingly was cared for by God like all of you.
Each year he stretched up higher, reaching to the sky,
The spruce tree grew impatient, watching time go by.
He thought God had forgotten, the spruce tree He had made.
His heart was sad and lonely, he began to be afraid
That he would always stand there in that grove of trees
Through the changing seasons, in snow and rain and breeze.
But when the time was ready, that God had planned for him
They brought him into God's house and folks began to trim
His boughs with lights that twinkled, lots and lots of them.
On top a star was shining like the star of Bethlehem.
The church was full of children who brought their gifts of white
They placed them 'round the spruce tree. It was a lovely sight.
The people sang the carols which the children liked to sing
Just like the host of angels sang praises to the King.
The congregation all adored the baby from above
Who showed to all creation the Heavenly Father's love.
The Christmas tree was happy at last to have a share
In all the Christmas worship; he stood so proudly there.

The above verses might be used as a recitation for one child or divided equally for two children. Seven children might be used in presenting the verses below making it into a simple pageant. The children might like to cut large snowflakes out of paper or candles painted appropriately for decoration. Children at home might like to make the gold star for the top of the tree and when all is finished would enjoy hearing the Christmas story from Matthew 2 or Luke 2 read to them.

I like snowflakes, whirling gently down
A soft and fluffy blanket covering the town.
I like candles burning everywhere
Shining in the window, glowing here and there.

I like turkey and all the Christmas food
Mother's in the kitchen, everything smells good.
I like coloured lights twinkling on the tree
Right near the window for all the world to see.

I like parcels, all so bright and gay
Some are so mysterious, hustled right away
I like carols telling us in song
That the Christmas stories to us all belong.

I like mother to read from God's book
About the baby Jesus who lovingly forsook
His glorious place in Heaven because He loves us so
And came to earth to save us long, long ago.

All Mission Band and Explorer group leaders will receive by mail a special packet for a Christmas service to which our new associate secretary, Miss Elizabeth Moodie has made a fine contribution. The material might be found very useful in Sunday School.

Literature Department—Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

"Let Wisdom get understanding". Miss Louise Reith used this quotation from Proverbs to draw the attention of the delegates to the necessity for them to be acquainted with the literature produced on the theme of Christian faith and witness. For further details of the report made on our study and the literature available for use in our study of missions, see the Literature Page.

Treasurer's Statement

September 30th, 1950

RECEIPTS:

Wasa Lake Camp, "Work in India"	$ 11.25
Miss Margaret Jamieson, Reg. N., "Overseas or National Work"	17.00
Gift toward second Medical Unit "In memory of my mother, to help mothers of India"	500.00
Life Membership pins	34.65
Offering at the Council Meeting	115.89
Rent received from worker	20.00
Pension rates received from workers	652.51
Missionaries' Salaries held in Canada on request	869.70
Income Tax received	259.90
Synodical Societies:	
Alberta	400.00
Alberta, Supplies	43.00
Manitoba	243.49
Toronto and Kingston	4,300.00
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	650.38
Hamilton and London	3,700.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	258.67
Montreal and Ottawa	995.00
	$13,071.44

DISBURSEMENTS:

Indian Schools:	
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	$2,745.14
Cecilia Jeffrey	120.83
Birtle, Government Grant	2,536.82
Birtle	179.16
Deaconesses	938.09
Chinese in Canada	1,033.82
Children's Centres, Vancouver and Tyndale House	374.75
Port Work	245.59
National Advance	139.23
St. Margaret's Centre	763.96
Insurance and Taxes	38.86
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Bhil Field	5,657.50
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Administration	1,585.44
Deputation	132.92
Exchange	96.34
Cost of Living Bonuses	450.00
Visual Education	2.40
Special Gifts, Translation work, Jhansi, India	100.00
Council Expenses	1,180.20
Income Tax Paid	259.60
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	$36,036.94

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RECEIPTS:

Legacy Fund—	
Payment on Windermere House	$ 25.00
Payment on Westminster Camp	1,000.00
Estate of Mrs. Mitchell Cumming, through Knox Church, Elora	200.00
Interest	7.50
	$1,232.50

DISBURSEMENTS:

Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Mrs. Gehman, Fees, Columbia University	$ 400.00
Education of two girls in Formosa, Special Gift	200.00
Miss G. Scott, Vancouver, fees for Special Course	7.67
Interest	18.60
Pension Fund—	
Annuity Rates	1,418.74
Supplementary payment for two Annuities	947.18
	$2,992.19

Ruth E. Pye

Treasurer.

Attention Supply Secretaries!

Here is an open letter for Supply Secretaries

Dear Mrs. Hazell,

We do not like to trouble you, but feel that you should know just what is taking place. The Women's Missionary Society is most generous. All the summer, in fact I should say since Spring, cartons of clothing, etc., have been coming in and even now there is about 500 lbs. waiting at the railway station, altogether too much for this small reserve. I do wish you could prevent the various Presbyterials from sending any more supplies this year. I am sure there will be sufficient now on hand, so if you could prevail upon the Presbyterials to keep what they have until next fall or perhaps help some other worthy cause, we would appreciate it.

—*H. Crump,* Rolling River Reserve.

FOR LANTERN SLIDES APPLY TO:

Alberta.—Mrs. W. H. Carmichael, 7 Lorraine Apts., Calgary.

British Columbia.—Miss C. Watson, 1123 Burnaby Street, Vancouver.

Manitoba.—Mrs. N. S. Kulberg, 347-13th St., Brandon.

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For Children's Groups	
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Merry with holy mirth;
As happy a Christmas to you
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A consecrated Christmas,
A Christmas full of rest:
God give you, for your Christmas,
Whate'er His love deems best.

—*An Old Christmas Greeting.*

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The Promise

BY REVEREND K. G. McMILLAN, B.D.

"Go ye . . . Lo, I am with you alway." Matt. 28: 19-20.

"HOW bright are the prospects for Christian Missions?" inquired a young Christian from a veteran missionary. "As bright as the promises of God", was his instantaneous reply. All God's promises are real to him who has responded to His call but none more so than the promise that God is with him until the very end. How could Isaiah be bold enough to issue the challenge "Lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes" in the light of the contemporary situation? Certainly not because conditions were favourable or the task seemed easy. It was rather that he had in his heart that same assurance that has sustained men from the days when Moses was told by God, "Certainly I will be with you", until the present hour.

We might ask ourselves: Why is it that we who have heard the call of God, just as clearly as did Isaiah in the Temple—why is it that we hesitate to "Lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes"? Why, if the Bible is true, is our zeal so lacking and our enthusiasm so lukewarm? Why is mankind not redeemed? Why is there such a difference between "The Promise" and the facts of life as they are?

The answer to these questions are varied for men have many notions as to what is wrong with the Church but the answer, it seems to me, is abundantly clear; it is to realize that God's promise is to those who will heed His call. The promise of God is that He will be with us. He does not promise us ease, comfort or success but He promises His presence. Having heard His call, all our highest hopes and most cherished dreams will fade and dissolve into nothing if we do not possess the conviction that God is with us to the very end. You who labour often amid discouraging circumstances and in the midst of a great indifference will very soon grow weary in your well-doing unless you are sustained by His continual presence. The Presence that we know is none other than the Face and the Voice of Jesus Christ; that Face that shines in the darkest night and that voice that leads us on

"O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone;".

If you were to interrogate St. Paul and inquire of him, how he kept going and how he continued to believe in missions, he would not give you a theological treatise nor a philosophical argument. Rather you would hear him reply, "Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." The presence of God in the person of the Risen Christ was the great overpowering fact of his existence and it overshadowed everything else. The great saints of God have all been sustained by the truth of the promise "Lo, I am with you alway".

When this simple truth dawns upon our consciousness our labours immediately take on new significance and discouragement and failure, which so often are our lot, cease to disconcert and dishearten us. For now we know that God is in this struggle with us and "if God be for us who can be against us?".

The Old Testament story of the three men being cast into the fiery furnace was told and retold to the Children of Israel that they might know that God was with them in life's severest circumstances. The story relates that upon opening the door and peering into the flames the observers beheld not three men but four. Who was this Other? It was God. In every fiery furnace of life, in every struggle we are not alone, we are not left to our resources but God is with us and is our refuge and our strength.

This was the source of Isaiah's strength. If the people of the Old Testament were sustained by the knowledge that God was in life with them and that they laboured not alone, how much more real should this promise be to us who live on this side of Bethlehem. If Christmas means anything it is that God has entered our world, has shared our common dilemma, has experienced our suffering and has demonstrated that He is with us and for us. He is Emmanuel—God *with* us.

Christ stands among us in His risen power promising to be with us and challenging us to open our lives to Him by removing the barriers which habitually keep Him out. This is not the act of a day but the work of a lifetime. As we, like St. Paul, "die daily" God's presence becomes more and more a living reality. The promise of His presence is never realized in full until it is sealed by death and the commitment is made complete.

In the light of our own limited resources and the frailty of human nature, before the challenge of our day, we are prone to faint and grow weary but as we wait upon the Lord and trust in the promise that He is with us until the end of the age,

We shall mount up with wings as eagles;
We shall run and not be weary;
And we shall walk and not faint.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . . and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

Prayer

O Lord our God Who by Thy presence has ever sustained Thy children, even as Thy disciples of old did constrain Thee to abide with them, we beseech Thee to abide with us. Without Thee we can do nothing but with Thee we can enlarge Thy Kingdom and lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes. As we labour in the spread of Thy Gospel may we have the assurance that Thou art with us, that we are labourers together with Thee and that Thou wilt never leave us nor forsake us. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us Kneel

Jesus on His Mother's breast,
In the stable cold,
Spotless Lamb of God was He,
Shepherd of the fold.
Let us kneel, with Mary maid,
With Joseph bent and hoary,
With saint and angel, ox and ass,
To hail the King of Glory.
—Christina Rossetti.

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Theme: Of His kingdom there will be no end.

Prelude: Music of familiar carols.

Call to worship: Sound over all waters, reach from all lands,
The chorus of voices, the clasping of hands;
Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn,
Sing songs of the angel when Jesus was born!

. . . .

Blow bugles of battle, the marches of peace;
East, west, north and south, let the quarrels all cease,
Sing the song of great joy that the angels began,
Sing of glory to God, and of good will to man!
(J. G. Whittier)

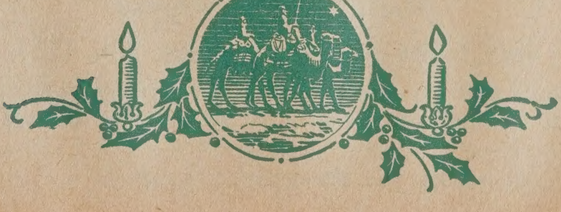
Hymn: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (No. 171).

Leader: To us, sore laden and distressed,
He comes, our comfort, joy and rest,
To all earth's weary, struggling men,
The world's sole Hope seems born again.
When breaks the light of Christmas morn,
Lo, "Unto us a Child is born."
(Mary Isabella Forsyth)

All: The People that walked in darkness
Have seen a great light;
Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness—
On them has light shone.
Isa. 9: 2. (An American Translation)

Leader: And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail
With peace on earth, good will to men!"



All: For a child is born to us, a son is given to us;
And the government will be upon his shoulder;
And his name will be called
"Wonderful Counsellor is God Almighty,
Father forever, Prince of Peace."
Of the increase of his government, and of peace,
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom,
To establish it, and to uphold it,
In justice and in righteousness,
From henceforth, even forever.
Isa. 9: 6, 7.

Leader: It isn't far to Bethlehem town!
It's anywhere that Christ comes down
And finds in people's friendly face
A welcome and abiding place.
The road of Bethlehem runs right through
The homes of folks like me and you.
(Madelaine Sweeny Miller)

All: "O Little Town of Bethlehem". vs. 3 and 4. (No. 169).

Unison reading: St. Matthew 2: 1-11.

Leader: (before the offering) Remembering the gifts of reverence and praise offered by the wise men, may our gifts be wisely chosen and freely given, as honouring the name of a king.

Remembering the great love of God in giving His Only-begotten Son that all men might enter into eternal fellowship with God, may our lives be dedicated to the advancement of His Kingdom on earth.

Offering:

Offertory Prayer by Leader:

"We open here our treasures and our gifts;
And some of it is gold,
And some is frankincense,
And some is myrrh;
For some has come from plenty,
Some from joy,
And some from deepest sorrow of the soul.
But Thou, O God, dost know the gift is love,
Our pledge of peace, our promise of good will.
Accept the gifts and all the life we bring."

Hymn: "O Come All Ye Faithful". (No. 174).

Benediction: Our Father, grant unto us in the fullest measure the peace and joy of the Christmas season, as we dedicate our lives to the Christ whose birthday we celebrate. Amen.

—*Grace Irvine*, Youth Secretary.

Editorial

A little book came into our hands to-day—a little Christmas book, one which Miss Reith is advertising in her Christmas Book List. In its pages, the Christmas Story is told in verse, painting, playlet and story. A baby was born in a manger in Bethlehem and since that time a shining star, an angel's song, credulity of lowly shepherds, adoration of wise men have been associated with this greatest Event of all the ages, the birth of the Son of God. The thought of each or of all of these remembrances of that day two thousand years ago, brings back to our mind the mystery of Christmas, and its indescribable beauty. They bring peace to our minds, if we but let them remain. For the Babe of Bethlehem brought into the world on that night, the greatest gift of God. He brought to mankind, the gift of love.

Wise men brought gifts to the Son of God on that first Christmas. They set a pattern for Yuletide celebrations down through the ages. To-day we hurry around buying our gifts, worrying as we go, about the cost, about the suitability, whether they will arrive on time, whether we will get all the shopping done. We all give gifts at Christmas, but have we all received The Gift which was sent from God two thousand years ago? Sometimes we have it and then I fear, we lose it in the rush of this busy world.

Mr. Wenchi Kim was in our office the other day. Mr. Kim, you will remember, is the young Korean studying in Canada to work among his people in Japan. We were asking him his impressions of Canadians as witnesses of the Christian faith. He referred to his first Christmas here last year. He saw then men and women dressed up for Christmas parties—he saw the fancy store windows, and the people lined up for shows. "Is this the real way they celebrate Christmas in America?" he asked himself. He recalled our custom of saying Christmas greetings: "Why do you say Merry Christmas?" he asked. "If you say or write Merry Christmas—merry means you are joyful, you rejoice and are happy about everything—for one reason Christ came to *you.*"

"Love came down at Christmas"—Love came to each one of us and despite all the confusion of this world, we rejoice that we may possess The Gift with all its beauty, its mysteries, its joy and its peace. With the shepherds of old we with thankful hearts come to praise and adore the Christ child. From our hearts and with deep sincerity we say Merry Christmas to you all.

An Organ and First Prize

BY FRIEDA E. MATTHEWS

Miss Matthews attended the annual meeting of the Peace River Presbyterial. While there she heard this story which she now shares with us all.

Miss Frieda E. Matthews

IT had been an exciting day for the people, old and young, who gathered in the Fairview Community Hall. Some of them had risen early in the morning to drive many miles to the music festival. The little children in their Sunday best had sung solos, duets and choruses. Proud parents and older brothers and sisters had watched these younger ones taking their part—some of them nervous, some of them with all the poise of an experienced entertainer.

Then came the time for the adults to have their share in the festival. A visitor, who had listened with great attention to the little children, read again the names of the people competing. For a little while he thought of the countries from which they had come to make their homes in the Peace River district. As they sang he saw men and women from the Scandinavian peninsula, from Central European countries and from the British Isles. All showed signs of hard, vigorous labour to establish homes in the new land.

Suddenly the visitor sat forward in his seat. Amazement showed on his face as he listened to the choir—to the pure quality of tone and the wonderful harmony. They were singing as though they loved to sing—as though they had sung together many, many times. There was a great silence in the hall as the choir members left the platform and resumed their places in the audience. No one was surprised when the Adjudicator gave the highest award to this choir for all knew that they had far excelled the other choirs.

The visitor made his way to where the conductor of the choir was sitting. He was anxious to know who these people were. He learned that they lived in a little settlement called Last Lake twelve miles north of Brownvale and that they were members of the church choir. For years they had held their services in the little school but in 1949 they had been able to complete the building of their own church.

In the long winter evenings they would gather in each other's homes. Always a part of each evening was spent in singing. The musical instrument they used was a portable organ, given to them by the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) The conductor was a man who had studied music in England and had sung in one of the largest choirs in London.

As the visitor left the hall that night he realized that he had caught a vision of the way in which our country should grow and develop. From many countries and varying backgrounds these people had come. Their differences were all forgotten as they worshipped and sang and laboured together.

"Overseas Expansion"

BACK in the July-August *Glad Tidings*, you may have read, in the Treasurer's Statement, an item which said: Overseas Expansion—$600.00. Before that item appeared in print a letter from Mrs. Paul Rumball, Kobe, Japan, told how a part of that $600.00 was spent.

"I believe that if we estimate about $25.00 per month for a trained Biblewoman that will be sufficient. We have at present two very fine young women in training and have been trying to help them some and these could also be supported by this fund. These two young women are of the calibre which we desire to have in the work and will be of great value in the future. We have to allow about $10.00 for one and about $15.00 for the other as she is a widow with a young daughter and it is necessary for her to have a little more. What you have sent will amply support Miss Sim in Tokyo and will take care of the two who are in training. I may say that these two girls have charge of Sunday Schools on Sundays and help considerably in the work among the women. Before long we will make an estimate of what we would like to have you consider for the work for the year 1951. I cannot tell you how happy we are about your interest and generosity."

Mrs. Rumball, speaking of her work, writes:

"I have been happy to find many pre-war friends among the women in the churches and try to keep in touch with as many groups as possible. I always go with Mr. Rumball every Sunday and usually have time to chat with the women after the services and sometimes am able to be present at their meetings. I had a new experience recently when I gave a day to the women in Kyoto Church on western cooking. I tried to show them ways of using what they get, so that their efforts would be of value physically. About twenty-two women came and we had a fine time of fellowship as well as a good time with our cooking."

Return to India

Miss Lily Simpson, Reg.N.

WE said farewell to Miss Lily Simpson at Council Executive Meeting last week. She sailed for England aboard the *Empress of Canada* on Friday, October 27. From there she will journey to the Orient after a stop-over of several weeks in Great Britain. She expects to be with her friends in India for Christmas. Those who witnessed her packing operations here in Toronto, were well aware that she was a virtual Santa Claus. We wished that we could be in Central India when those 11 large packing boxes and trunks were opened. Miss Simpson makes a very good St. Nick too, for when her friends protested that so much baggage was going to be quite a problem to look after, she smiled and said she was glad to take them if she could. She only hoped that baggage and customs officials would remember that it was Christmas and let the half ton of luggage through. Of course much of the weight and space were taken with equipment for the fields.

Miss Simpson was looking forward to returning to her work in India. She reminded Council Executive that she had been called upon to give a somewhat different sort of service to that generally given by missionary nurses. Much of her work has been with missionaries and she was returning to be in charge of Landour Community Hospital where she would be again serving missionaries and their families. In seasons when the hospital is closed, she does district work in Jhansi.

"Missionary work in India seems to be more hopeful at the moment", Miss Simpson said to Council Executive. The Gospel can be preached and the missionaries are received in a more friendly way than they were two or three years before India achieved her independence. For several years before that time, when the question of whether Britain would grant the country political freedom, had not been answered there had been somewhat strained relations between the Indians and the people from the West. Now that feeling of suspicion is gone and the East and West work happily together. "I hope that the day will never come when missionaries will not be allowed in India. Whatever happens, we know that God is there and with us who seek to serve Him."

Christmas Greetings

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2: 10, 11.

It is a privilege to send warmest greetings and good wishes to all members of our National Missions family. As you read the message in your own language may you know the deep abiding love and peace of God in your heart through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.

Frieda E. Matthews,
National Missions Secretary.

Cari amici Cristiani,

In questi giorni festivi, desideriamo augurarvi ogni benedizione spirituale. Voglia Iddio mandarvi il Suo Spirito, acciocchè possiate glorificare Colui che venne nel mondo quasi venti secoli fà per salvare il mondo.

Reverend Mariano Di Gangi,
Minister, Beckwith Memorial Church, (Italian), Montreal.

Dear Christian Friends,

In these festive days, we wish you every spiritual blessing. May God grant you His Spirit, that you may glorify Him who came into the world almost twenty centuries ago to save the world.

"Редакція часописа "Добра Новина" (Glad Tidings) вітає всіх українців в Канаді, на скитальщині і на рідних землях з Різдвом Христовим. Христос народився! Нехай сам Господь сповнить в наступнім році найкращі мрії українського народу."

The Editor of Glad Tidings *greets all Ukrainians in Canada, in dispersion and in Ukraine with the Birth of Christ. Christ is born! We wish that in the New Year the Lord Himself would fulfill the best longings of Ukrainian people.*

Reverend Michael Fesenko,
Minister, Ukrainian Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

Que la paix du Seigneur soit avec chacun de nous, tous les jours de cette année; et demeurons dans son amour et à son service.

Reverend Jacques A. Smith,
Minister of St. Luc's Presbyterian Church, Montreal.

May the blessed peace from our Lord and Saviour be with each one of us every day of this New Year, and may we remain in His love and at His service.

ALDOTT KARACSONYT!

Nagy örömet hirdetünk Néktek a karacsonyi angyal szavaval, kedves magyar Testvéreink: ‘‘Született néktek ma a Megtartó, ki az Ur Krisztus, a David varosaban!’’

Adja Isten Néktek, hogy a betlehemi aldott Gyermek arcanak fénye elérjen életetekig, behatoljon otthonai-tokba s—mindenek felett,—hogy a Krisztus-gyermek megszülessék Mindannyiótok életében.

Adja Isten mindannyiónknak, hogy a karacsonyban földreszallott isteni Szeretet hassa at a vilag összes népeit, gyozze meg az emberkedést és embertelenséget, gyülölködést és szeretetlenséget s hozzon békességet ennek a mi nemzedékünknek itt, ezen a földrészen s odaat, a haboruszaggata Európa földjén, mindenek felett a Ti, óhazaban keresztet szenvedo szeretteiteknek.’

Isten adjon aldott karacsony-ünneplést Mindannyi-ótoknak.

Reverend K. D. Tóth, Th.M., Th.D.,
Minister, Calvin Hungarian Presbyterian Church, Calgary,
Editor, *New Life.*

BLESSED CHRISTMAS

We are bringing you good tidings of great joy with the words of the angel of the first Christmas, our dear Hungarian Brethren: ‘‘Unto you is born this day a Saviour in the city of David, which is Christ the Lord.’’

May God grant you that the radiance from the countenance of the blessed Child of Bethlehem may reach your life, may invade your homes and—above all—that the Christ-child may be born in the personal life of all of you.

May God grant us all that the divine Love which descended upon the earth at the first Christmas, may permeate all the peoples of the earth, may it overcome human pride and inhumanity, hatred and lovelessness, and may it bring peace in this our generation here, on this continent as well as in wartorn Europe and, above all, for your beloved ones bearing the Cross in the Old Country!

May God grant you all a blessed Christmas!

At this Christmas Season we see again the beauty of His peace. Again Christ comes placing around the whole wide world His golden chain of love, friendship, and goodwill. Christ asks us to cast aside all prejudices, pride, hate and selfishness. He asks us to practice and to do our utmost to love one another. He also reminds us that we are all brothers and sisters.

Wherever we are and whatever we do, may love radiate from our lives. For love is the true spirit of Christmas. And may the real meaning of Christmas and the joy of Christmas be in our hearts.

Reverend Paul S. Chan,
Minister, Chinese Presbyterian
Church, Montreal.

聖誕使我們對於和平有一翻新的氣象和希望
使世界再活現基督的大愛同情謙卑和憐憫的心
基督降生是叫我們除去歧視憎恨傲氣私心去
實行彼此相愛和人類皆兄弟的精神
願喚起我們的愛心在基督裏得快樂使今年的
聖誕對于我們有更深切的意義和啟示

Introducing A 'Letters to The Editor' Page

SEVERAL times in the past year, the Editorial Committee has been asked if it would consider having in the pages of *The Glad Tidings,* each month, a Letters To The Editor page. The matter was taken to the Executive meeting at Council in Guelph and the ladies decided that such a feature should be tried for one year. At the end of that time, an appraisal would be made of the service which the page was giving to the members of the Society, and a decision made about carrying it on.

The Committee thought it advisable to mention in this introduction of our new feature, several rules by which we will all be governed:

1. Material submitted to this department of the magazine will be questions about the work or opinions about any part of the organization or execution of the work of the Society.

2. All letters must be signed, the signature will be added to the letters if they appear in print.

3. We do not have unlimited space to devote to the letters. (We hope that increased subscriptions this year will allow us to add a few pages regularly to the magazine.) Therefore, all letters submitted may not be printed, but *all will be acknowledged.* Should any question be asked which requires the advice of any other department of the Society, the question will be answered by the secretary of that department.

The Letters To The Editor page will make its initial appearance in the January issue of the magazine. We invite you to share in this feature and we hope that through your sharing thus in the work, we may all have a greater knowledge and appreciation of ''our share in the world mission''.

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Port Work

BY HILDA BLACKWELL

Miss Hilda Blackwell

OUR Church has been doing port work for a good many years—in fact, since long before the first World War. The present worker at Halifax is Mrs. George Ingraham. For the past four summers I have been endeavouring to cover the ports of Quebec and Montreal; and, in my free time from the pier, to serve as secretary to Rev. H. R. Pickup, Director of Immigration for our Church.

Port Work involves not only assisting passengers with travel problems, but also notifying our churches of the arrival of the newcomers to their community. At the pier we help with baggage, guide through Customs, advise parents of the nursery facilities provided at both stations and sometimes play nursemaid to the children for a short time. In Montreal we also tell travellers about the Canadian Transfer buses to take them and their hand baggage to the stations. In Halifax and Quebec transfer service is not necessary as the special boat trains leave from the central immigration building. In Montreal there is no central Government building, and the ships dock at a long line of Company sheds stretching for miles along the waterfront.

I have a permanent pass, renewed annually, which permits me to enter the Customs Enclosure and mingle with the passengers when they land from the ships, and also a pass giving me permission to go aboard all immigrant ships at Quebec. I go to Quebec only to meet passengers on ships which do not come further up the St. Lawrence.

There are times when all workers at the port are put on the alert because of some person's problems. I am thinking of one which was amusing when we look back on it, but at the time it was quite serious. An elderly lady had lost her railway ticket and her sleeping accommodation to some place in British Columbia. It was missing for over two hours and all workers were looking for it everywhere. Finally, at the Windsor Station, just a few minutes before the train was due to leave, a casual question about the length of the lady's stay in Canada brought forth the remark "Thank goodness I have my return ticket packed safely in the bottom of my suitcase!" She was asked to produce it and we got her on the train in time. The poor soul did not know the going and the returning portions are never separated.

This Spring I had another ticket problem which required a lot of straightening out. One of our own Church members from Northern Saskatchewan—a lady over seventy years of age—had, while in Scotland, been sold a Canadian National ticket instead of one on the Canadian Pacific Railway. This meant that she would have to stay overnight in Winnipeg, which she didn't want to do because it was at the time when the floods were at their worst. It took a lot of talking and comparing of train schedules to persuade the C.N.R. to endorse their ticket over to the C.P.R. and then secure sleeping accommodation on the same train as friends she had made during the voyage. However, it was arranged; but I lost track of the number of times I went back and forth from one ticket booth to the other. By the time we had that fixed up, the lady's baggage had been moved to an enclosure for storage as the Baggage Agent thought she had gone off without it and would be putting in a claim for it. We had to rush around to find them, get them checked; and just caught the last bus to the station.

It was a new experience this year to meet buses bringing passengers from ships during the railway strike, and there were many problems in securing temporary accommodation as the hotels and tourist homes were filled to capacity with stranded travellers. One little family of Presbyterian immigrants, destined for Vancouver, had to spend all the money they had to convert their train tickets into accommodation on the Trans-Canada Air Lines. I was able to give them enough for taxi fares to the airport and needed medicine for the mother. They were also pleased with the toys and articles of children's clothing which I brought to them.

Here I would like to say that several Presbyterials and groups have been generous in supplying me with gifts for newcomers. It is a pleasure to see a little lad take a small toy and immediately show it to his mother, or a little girl cuddle a tiny dressed doll on her shoulder. The parents do appreciate the things given to the children. And whenever I meet a Presbyterian or Church of Scotland lady, I always give her a *Glad Tidings.* I can only handle small things as I must carry them around with me in a bag when I mingle with the passengers while they are going through Customs. There is no welfare room in either Montreal or Quebec such as that shared by the port workers at Halifax where clothing for all ages can be distributed to those in need and magazines can be given out to all travellers. I have the use of a small room at Quebec, but it is only suitable as a storage space and place to warm up in the cold weather. This room I share with the British and Foreign Bible Society colporteur.

N.B. The continuation of Miss Blackwell's report to Council will appear in the next issue.

Continuing the Business of Council

Christian Literature—Mrs. A. J. Cherry

Always, when I come before you to talk about Christian Literature, I seem to find myself filled with the most overwhelming sense of urgency, together with an almost overpowering feeling of my own inadequacy in attempting to give you a telling picture of the grave responsibilities and vast opportunities, both for the Christian Church itself, and for the peace and future of this troubled world, which are bound up in those two small words ''Christian Literature''.

How can I choose what to tell you about, when all is equally important? How choose from so much, the comparatively little for which I shall have time? When all over the world, both governments and missions are co-operating in such all-embracing literacy campaigns that every passing day, literally hundreds of thousands are learning to read. Having learned to read, then to wonder, and to think, and so eventually to make their own decisions according as this new-found gift of reading and intelligence has influenced them to do.

From China and Japan; Korea and Formosa; India and Africa; Latin America, Egypt, the stories are the same; the opportunities, the dangers and the pitfalls are the same; the miracles of growing knowledge and wakening minds are the same. Only the endings are different. Some of them great and glorious victories for Christ and His Kingdom here on earth; all too many of them forever lost to Him and adding volume to the hordes of evil ideologies which are menacing the world of to-day in all directions.

And who could ever say how different all those lost endings might have been had the Christian Church, with quantities of helpful Christian Literature of every needed type and kind, been first to reach these eager newly-wakened minds as soon as literacy had unlocked the barriers to knowledge, and before they had become flooded with all the insidious propaganda which is even now pouring in upon them in the most tempting guise?

Last year I told you that within 20 years it is estimated that 500,000,000 more people will have learned to read. Within the space of that year gone by, many of those people are already beginning to shape the world they live in. What have we, as Christians, done to help them know the way they should go—the way of Christ and love and peace? Are they now part of the communists over-running China; parties to the tragedy of North Korea; learning to live and to act in India, Burma, Indo-China, Latin America and all the other key countries of this world, according to Marxism, that cold, materialistic creed of the communist regime, which teaches that all religion is pure superstition—a mere opiate to dull the suffering of the people?

They will have had ample opportunity to learn about this, through plentiful literature, posters, slogans, newspapers, books and pamphlets, carefully prepaid and circulated to poison and mislead them into paths of godlessness, selfishness and racial hatreds.

What have we done to see that good Christian Literature has been available for them to offset this wickedness and teach the Christian way of life and living to get this to them first?

Dr. Laubach tells us that all these new literates, so eager and so full of possibilities, will read every bit of printed matter that comes into their hands, will grasp any hand offered to help them. They are not fundamentally eager for the communist way of life—it is just that if this is the first hand offered, they take it because it promises a way out of misery and oppression.

If the Christian hand is not there—what else is there for them to do—what other alternative is presented to them? What a delusion—and what a tragedy not only for themselves and the world, but for the Christian Church for whom they might have been such a force for good.

The Christian Literature programme of our Society is not a vague or general one. It must be personal for each one of us. And right here, I want to say that the heart of your Secretary has been made glad indeed many times this past year by the splendid gifts and legacies which came in for Christian Literature, and made possible so much more than we could have done with the estimated grant alone.

Our grant is $5,650 for 1950. Through this grant we are able to reach a great many people throughout the world with Christian literature: Africa, India, Egypt, China, Japan, Latin America, Formosa, Korea, British Guiana and in Canada the Ukrainian and French people.

From all of these countries come the stories of what Christian literature is doing to help in the struggle against the forces of evil. From everywhere there comes the same story: ''The opportunities are so great, we have not words to describe them. We are not even beginning to supply the need.''

Welcome and Welfare—Mrs. J. M. Burnett, Secretary

The establishment of Port Work by our Church at Montreal and Quebec and the names consequently received by our Society through this channel, constitutes a very large part of our Welcome and Welfare work. Miss Blackwell, as she meets newcomers to our land, either tourists or immigrants, is making quite an impression, not only for her extreme kindness to travellers, but as a representative of our Presbyterian Church in Canada.

I must draw the attention of our secretaries to the fact that we are falling down badly in reporting to Mr. Pickup, the disposition of the names sent out by him to our secretaries. He wants to have replies to every one of the letters whether these people have been contacted or not.

Our Church has appointed a Port Chaplain in Liverpool. He secures names of Presbyterians embarking on ships for Canada and they are sent on by air mail to Mr. Pickup. This information should keep errors to a minimum, but should there still be wrong addresses, we hope our secretaries will overlook these, and just try and remember the many worthwhile contacts made. Last year 946 people united with the Church or some branch of its work and this figure speaks for itself.

The Welcome and Welfare Secretary should work in close harmony with the minister. He will pass on the names of newcomers, those ill in hospitals, or possibly some shut-ins, and in this way she can be of great service to him.

We would stress, too, the need for more careful use of removal forms. It is in making use of these forms that members can be kept within our Society. Last year only 291 names were reported on these removal forms but it would seem this figure is far from being accurate. When reporting removals, include and name every member of the family.

Some auxiliaries have found it a splendid plan to meet with the new church members when they join the Church, after Preparatory Service. Another auxiliary invited mothers with young children to the meeting, having one of their members take charge of the little ones while the mothers were attending the meeting.

The ideal situation is to have a secretary appointed in every auxiliary and we are working towards that end. When there is one, and she fails to send in a report, we miss the information she has to give and it makes a very incomplete report. Do try to give a few details of the year's work.

Use your Annual Report and make some comparisons of this year's work with last year's for yourself. I would suggest too, that it would be good to have every member of an auxiliary read it, passing it from one to another during the year. To many of our members it exists in name only.

Candidates' Report

The Candidates Secretary would like to call the attention of Council members to the printed report as found on page 33 of the Annual Report.

The work of this Department is now being carried out in the National and Overseas Advisory Committees with the final recommendations as heretofore coming to Council Executive and all appointments being made by Council Executive.

Some of our needs as outlined are in process of being supplied, but there are always new ones arising. One of these is very near home and is for a Kitchen Matron of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School in Kenora, Ontario. This is urgent—the present help is temporary and so far we have been unsuccessful in finding the right person. It is necessary to have someone with an understanding of government requirements and dietetics—and with experience in cooking on the large scale required in an institution.

Recently there has been a gratifying number of letters received by your Secretary from both nurses and teachers enquiring as to the requirements for both national and overseas service. It is interesting to find that these prospective candidates are fully aware of the necessity for the very highest standards of university preparation and are willing to undertake whatever is required of them.

Last year Miss Ruth Elder, daughter of our missionaries in British Guiana, entered Toronto University with the expressed desire of training to become an overseas missionary on our staff. Her tuition fees and cost of books were met from our Peace Thanksgiving Fund. She passed her first year successfully, taking an English prize and being awarded a bursary which will help to meet her fees for the coming year. We have high hopes for Ruth and feel that we are privileged in being able to assist her.

Another cause for deep thankfulness is that the way has opened for Council Executive to appoint Miss Agnes Hislop to India, the field toward which her heart has always turned. When she graduated from the Missionary and Deaconess Training School in 1948 Miss Hislop's application "for overseas service" was accepted but appointment deferred until the right opportunity offered. In the meantime she has capably and willingly assisted in the Deaconess Department of our national work, where she has gained valuable experience and where she will remain a few months longer.

—*Muriel L. McMurrich,* Candidates Secretary.

Life Membership—Mrs. G. R. Pye

The increase or decrease in this department is largely the responsibility of the auxiliary because it is from its members that presentation of certificates is usually made. An interested and informed Life Membership Secretary is therefore essential in each Presbyterial so that she can give guidance and help to groups in their efforts to raise sufficient funds for honouring members with certificates.

This year there have been few requests direct to our office for information so I presume the Synodical and Presbyterial Secretaries are able to answer most questions regarding their department. I am glad of this for it is indicative that our secretaries are familiar with their duties. We have been asked, however, if we have at our office a list of those who are Life Members of the Society. The answer is ''no'', but each Presbyterial Life Membership Secretary should have this information covering her respective Presbyterial. It is her responsibility to keep this record. We do have, however, a list of the Honorary Members as these are all ordered direct from Toronto.

There is another point that I should like to mention. The money for a certificate must be forwarded to the Presbyterial Treasurer in one sum, not on the instalment plan. If your group is collecting money for a membership, don't ask your Life Membership Secretary to send you the certificate until the full amount is raised and you have a receipt from the Presbyterial Treasurer. If you find you are unable to collect it all in one year, hold the money in a separate account until the total is reached, and then forward it to the Presbyterial Treasurer. For example, you want to present an Honorary Certificate which costs $100.00 but you are able to raise only $50.00 in 1950. Don't send the Treasurer the $50.00 in 1950 and the balance in 1951 and then expect her to send a receipt for the $100.00 in 1951. The full amount must be paid in the year the certificate is issued and that is the time you receive credit for it on your allocation.

In the matter of pins one Synodical Secretary reports, ''There have been instances of pins which once belonged to former members, being passed on to new members or personal friends when certificates are presented, or returned to the auxiliary interested for further use. These pins have a greatly increased value.'' I thought this a splendid idea and one worth passing on to others.

In closing I would like to quote the report of another of our Life Membership Secretaries who, I think, has ably expressed the possibilities of the department, ''I feel that this department has a real opportunity to grow, and above all things, gives workers a chance to say 'thank you' to each other for services above the line of duty.''

The question was asked in discussion following the report whether an Honorary Membership precluded a Life Membership. Discussion brought out clarification on the point according to the Constitution: ''Life Membership is secured by the payment of $25.00 at one time through any branch of the Society. Honorary Membership is secured by the payment of $100.00 at one time.''

International Report—Miss Bessie MacMurchy

Miss Bessie MacMurchy presented the International report. She stated that Presbyterian women were in the vanguard of the work being done among the Churches. The Women's International Union will meet in 1952 when the Alliance of Reformed Churches meets. Women of the Presbyterian Church can now be chosen as part of the representation to the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance. She quoted an excerpt from an article by John A. Mackay, President of Princeton Theological Seminary and President of the International Missionary Council. ''Many of us in these days can say, with pride and gratitude, that we are both more Presbyterian and less Presbyterian than ever before. We are *more* Presbyterian because we thank God increasingly for our heritage, and for what He has done and has still to do through the Presbyterian churches. We are *less* Presbyterian because we believe that the highest glory of Presbyterianism consists in having a vision of the Church Universal, and in contributing our part to its visible unity upon earth, in accordance with the mind of the Head of the Church and through the power of the Holy Spirit who indwells the Church.''

Miss MacMurchy commended the World Day of Prayer and its observance throughout the world. The number of services had increased by eighty for this year. She spoke of two unique services. One was a service held in a Mormon temple, the other was the meeting two ladies, one 96 years old and one 94, had together using the programme service.

Mrs. Ritchie Bell, at the close of the International report, told of being in Europe two years ago at the meeting of the Alliance of Reformed Churches. There the Women's International Union was reorganized. In choosing vice-presidents they wished Miss MacMurchy to be named first vice-president because of the interest she had in the cause of Presbyterian women. They spoke in terms of high praise for the work she had done. ''It spoke well for our Canadian Church as well as for the work of Miss MacMurchy,'' said Mrs. Bell.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

WHEN thinking of Christmas remembrances for friends do not overlook the possibility of sending as gifts books available through the Literature Department. The following would not only be suitable to carry your Christmas wishes but would be of lasting value to the recipients:

Christmas Time—a small, attractively illustrated anthology of Christmas stories, poems and carols		$ .20
"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" and other Christmas verse with art reproductions of famous masterpieces		.25
Christian World Facts 1951—contains news from the Christian Church around the world in digest form		.25
The Presbyterian Church Calendar 1951 containing information about our Church's work in Canada and Overseas with daily Scripture texts and beautiful illustrations for each month	single copies	.50
Our Heritage and Our Faith—the 75th Anniversary book of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, by Dr. F. Scott Mackenzie, Moderator of the 1950 General Assembly, and Dr. John McNab, Editor of *The Presbyterian Record*	chrome edition	.50
	cloth	1.00
Pearls are Made, by Ann M. Harrison, a story for 'teen-age people which centres around the longing and hopes of Near East 'teen-age youth and shows the influence of Christian schools and hospitals		1.00
They Live in Bible Lands, by Grace W. McGavran, a story for Juniors about children who live in Bible Lands, which tells of the change in those lands from Jesus' time to today		1.00
Thirsty Village, by Dorothy Blatter, a story for Primary children about Christian and Moslem children at work and play together who become "good neighbours" through the influence of Christian teaching.		

The above are a few of some of the more recent publications. There are others equally suitable which have been listed from time to time. Do not forget books when choosing your Christmas gifts!

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

To the Auxiliary Secretary:

NOW that it is December you will remember that the report of your auxiliary must be sent promptly to the Corresponding Secretary of the Presbyterial. Read carefully the report form you have received and fill it in accurately. Will you make sure of the correct spelling of the names of the officers to be reported and the correct address? Be sure to report your membership. It is only when each auxiliary is reported accurately that we can have a true report of the Society. Secretaries hold the key to a correct report.

The Annual Report of the Society was out in June this year because secretaries tried to be prompt. It can be earlier next time if you are all prompt in returns. Let us do even better this year.

Please read carefully the *Handbook for Officers* Auxiliaries on page 12, section 11. One last request, and it is *very* important. As secretary you have recorded the happenings in your auxiliary for the year. Will you write your Presbyterial Corresponding Secretary a letter telling her about your auxiliary? Did you try something new? Did it succeed? Did you use the prepared programmes? How? What are your problems?

P.S.—Note the new feature introduced in this issue of *The Glad Tidings* page 459.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, ***Secretary***

AS we trim the Christmas tree, let us remember the legend concerning Boniface, a British missionary of the eighth century, who went to carry the Christian gospel to Germany.

He arrived in Germany in Winter, just at the time of the pagan sacrifice to the God Thor.

It was night, and crowds of men, women and children gathered on a high hill on which was a giant oak tree, sacred to Thor. A great fire at the foot of the altar illumined the darkness. At the altar, the high priest stood with hammer in hand; a child knelt in front of him. In a moment a blow of the hammer would bring death to the child, and Thor, the Hammerer would thus be honoured. Boniface grasped the situation at once. Past the crowds of worshippers he strode, and up to the kneeling child. Quickly he rescued him, then he turned to the wondering people. With earnestness and simplicity he told the story of Jesus Christ, of His final sacrifice and of the loving service he asks of His followers.

Then, pointing to a vigorous young fir tree, he said: "Here is the living tree, with no stain of blood upon it; this shall be the sign of your new worship. See how it points to the sky. Let it be the tree of the Christ Child. Carry it to the Chieftain's hall, for this is the night of the birth of the Christ. No longer shall you come to the dark forest to keep your feasts and make your sacrifice. You shall keep your feast in the home with laughter and song and rites of love instead of death." Thus the people of Germany turned from the pagan worship of Thor to worship Jesus Christ,—and the evergreen tree symbolized their new-found joy in the world's Redeemer.

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Let us think, too, of the religious significance of the mistletoe, which, from early centuries was used by the druid priests of Britain and Germany who believed it to possess the power to heal. As Christianity spread throughout these lands, mistletoe was used to decorate the church altars as a symbol of Christ. Where there had been misunderstanding or quarrels among the people, they sought reconciliation, and the kiss of forgiveness and goodwill was given under the mistletoe. Only then did they advance to the altar to partake of the Lord's Supper.

The legends given above are a suggestion for your Christmas meeting, and might be used in connection with the Worship Service on pages 450, 451. —*Grace Irvine.*

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

This a continuation of Mrs. Keefer's report given at the Council Meeting.

NOW the first and most important piece of co-operation must be with the Church itself, and more specifically, with the minister and Session of the Church. Trying to operate a Church group without the help and co-operation of the minister is like trying to run a car without an engine! Then the first thing to do is to get the support of your minister.

You may be looking for a new leader for your group. Who but the minister of a congregation should know the best, most suitable person to assume the duties of this office and who possesses greater influence in securing a leader, than the minister? He can help with valuable suggestions as to conduct and operation of the groups and will be an untold tower of strength in the work. Yet, all too often we find that Auxiliaries fail to solicit the help of the minister—in fact, they often discourage it, thus robbing themselves of badly needed assistance.

The next important step is co-operation between the Senior Auxiliary and the group leaders. Too often, there appears to be some barrier here and this must be removed if we are to succeed in our work. Some times the barrier is that of resentment because 89% of our groups are not wholly missionary but have a programme which includes other activities. The other barrier is just plain indifference and who knows but that this is more difficult to overcome.

The first thing to do, however, is to understand your Girls' group. Its leader, its programme and its aims. Next, make a friend of the leader. Invite her to your executive meetings and ask her to speak about her work. Offer to assist her, make constructive suggestions, be interested in what she is doing and above all, support her by your presence when an open meeting is held.

If these things are done you will be surprised to discover how interested you are in your girls and we believe, too, that when you make a careful study of the programme used by most groups you will agree that it is extremely fine.

Next, there must be co-operation between the leader and the parents of the girls for in order to have a successful group she needs the support of the parents. This, of course, is something each leader must work out for herself but we believe that a visit to the home and a frank discussion about our programme and our aims, together with an appeal for the co-operation of the parents will bring fine results. If your group is not functioning too well why not try this?

Then, of course, there must be co-operation between the leader and the group member, and here it is clearly the job of the leader to bring this to pass. A successful group leader should be a consecrated young woman, intensely interested in the welfare of young girls. She should be adaptable—able to control her group and young enough to play with them. The members must feel they can confide in her and they must respect her judgment and authority. If your leader possesses those qualities you need not fear any lack of co-operation between the leader and the girls.

Many times have we spoken of the urgent need for co-operation between leaders and Presbyterial Secretaries. We believe that here is one of the weakest links in the chain! Oh, that all Presbyterial Secretaries would take their full share of responsibility and really contact their leaders, that they would get to know of difficulties and obtain help before the group was forced to disband. That they would report changes to the Synodical Secretary at once—for co-operation must exist on this level also. We would ask that Presbyterial officers consider this matter most seriously. It takes a lot of time and effort to be a good Presbyterial Secretary, but when we assume this office the responsibility cannot be shaken.

We are fortunate in having many earnest Synodical Girls' Organizations Secretaries and we ask them to continue to report all changes to us at once. When weaknesses are reported without delay, we are often able to supply help, through the medium of our travelling secretaries and our workers on the field, but we must know as soon as possible. To wait until the Annual Report is sent in is useless.

Please then, Synodical Secretaries, support your Secretary on Council Executive and let us do all within our power to see that the chain of co-operation throughout our work be not broken.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, *Secretary*

The Forward Look

"IS that a really true story?" What children's leader has not been confronted with just such a question?

This year, as we study *Friends Across Canada,* without a doubt in our minds, we will be able to answer this question in the affirmative. Each story comes from one of our own workers. They are about real people. It is a truly thrilling collection which will catch the imagination of the youngest child of the Mission Band or challenge the older juniors of the Explorer Groups to become better *Christian* citizens of Canada.

As we study together, let us endeavour to make our children realize that as true Christian citizens we look upon people of other races, people of other nations, and people less fortunate than ourselves, as our equals. Let us endeavour to make our children realize that these same people can contribute much to make our community a better place in which to live and also a more interesting place if only we accept them as true friends.

Looking forward in our planning, and knowing we learn only by doing, let us make plans for St. Valentine's day which comes early in the new year. According to the legend this is a day to show our love to others and so it might be an appropriate time to do this in a tangible way.

The following is a "party" suggestion which could be carried out as an activity for two or three meetings. Let the children do the planning, make the necessary preparations and decorations.

Guests: These will depend on the district in which you live. They might be a group from a church of a different race than yours. If there is no group such as this near you each child could invite one school friend who is a new Canadian or of another race. To-day many newcomers are to be found in every district.

In order to help your children understand that we can learn new and interesting ideas from others, be sure to send out the invitations early enough that your guests are able to plan a part of the programme. They might teach the children a new game. They might sing or tell a story. They might come in national costume, and they might bring samples of handwork or something beautiful from their country. Your group would do likewise so that all could share their talents.

Invitation: Print on a maple leaf cut from coloured paper.

Won't you come and visit us
Upon St. Valentine's Day?
We would like to show our love,
As each one joins in play.

Won't you come and sing a song
Or tell a story gay?
Be sure to wear your native dress,
And show us how to play.

Suggested Programme: 1. Tell the story of St. Valentine. (This can be found in the Encyclopædia or at the Library, or often in newspapers or magazines.)

2. Make a Valentine: Have on hand materials such as paste, scissors, little pieces of ribbon, pieces of coloured paper, silver paper, a few paper doilies, some little pictures, a few valentine or flower stickers. The children will gladly do the making. Then have each child draw a name and send his valentine to that person.

3. Songs, stories and games chosen by both groups.

4. Distribution of Valentines.

5. Refreshments.

6. Quiet music while group gathers to discuss and admire exhibits brought by both groups.

7. Worship: A picture of Christ blessing the children or some beautiful object will make a suitable worship centre.

Scripture: Psalm 92:1; 86: 8-10.

Prayer: Our Heavenly Father we thank Thee for our friends. We thank Thee for happy times together. Help us to be unselfish and see the needs of other children. May we always be able to enjoy the beautiful things about us—not only those things which our hands have made, but also the beauties of the sky, and trees, and snow which only Thou canst make. Be with us as we go now to our homes. For Jesus sake. Amen.

Hymn: 725—"All things and bright and beautiful."

—*Elizabeth M. Moodie,*
Associate Children's Work Secretary.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. W. BARLOW, 149 W. 5TH ST.,
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WESTMINSTER Presbyterial — **Vancouver** — Hunter Church Auxiliary had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. C. P. Young as guest speaker at their fall Thank-offering meeting. She spoke on her work in India and her address was very much enjoyed. Some favourite hymns were played in honour of Mrs. Young who is leaving Vancouver for her new field of work near Lethbridge.

The Evening Auxiliary of Central Church, held their annual Thankoffering meeting recently. Miss Elizabeth Mackintosh presided and Mrs. M. Clifford, Presbyterial President, led in the opening devotions. Two sets of beautifully coloured slides vividly portraying "The Challenge of Formosa" and "British Guiana" were shown by Miss Jean McKenzie and described by Miss Catherine Watson. Mrs. MacCrae, one of the older members was honoured by the Auxiliary.

ALBERTA

MRS. M. S. BLACKBURN, BOX 68,
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EDMONTON Presbyterial — **Killam**— The Presbyterian Church in Canada lost two of its most faithful members in Killam this summer, when Mrs. D. V. York and Mrs. James Grant both passed on very suddenly to their reward. Both ladies were seldom absent from their church services, and both gave of their time and talents in the work of the Women's Missionary Society, the Women's Association and the Sabbath School. Our sincere sympathy goes out to the bereaved relatives.

Peace River Presbyterial — **Grande Prairie, Flying Shot** — On Sunday, August 27th, the communities of Flying Shot and Grande Prairie gathered in the Flying Shot Church in memory of the late Mrs. Agnes Forbes, wife of the late Dr. Alexander Forbes. Mrs. Forbes came to the Grande Prairie district in 1910 with her husband. From the time of her arrival until her death on August

27, 1917, she gave her full time in helping others.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. JAY WATSON, BOX 1056,
WEYBURN, PRESS SECRETARY

MOOSE Jaw Presbyterial—Miss Lily Simpson, on her last visit to her home church before returning to India, spoke at the Autumn Thankoffering meeting of Knox Auxiliary, and pictured the progress made in India's development since she first went to that country twenty-three years ago. Many new doors of opportunity have opened for missionary work since independence, she said, and she asked for special prayers for the new work at Chirgaon and the work at Landour to which she is returning.

As a special feature of the evening's programme affiliation exercises for Knox C.G.I.T. Group were held. Mrs. Staveley, Auxiliary President, welcomed the girls into the missionary family and expressed the hope that they all would be missionaries in truth in whatever roles their future would be cast. Misses Margaret Allan and Margaret Howick, representing the re-organized Mission Band, read the opening Scripture lesson and led in prayer. Mrs. McGillivray, Presbyterial President, thanked Miss Simpson for her fine address and demonstration of Indian costumes and bidding her Bon Voyage, promised the continued interest and prayers of the ''home'' missionary group.

Saskatoon Presbyterial—''The Presbyterian Church is really a great missionary society'', said the Reverend E. S. MacKay, guest speaker at the Presbyterial Women's Missionary Society Rally held at **Biggar** recently. Canadian Presbyterianism was born through the missionary spirit of the British Isles, and we of the west thank the early eastern Canada missions for our birthright, he continued. This 75th Anniversary of The Presbyterian Church in Canada showed continuous missionary effort, both at home and abroad. Mr. MacKay pointed with pride to what had been accomplished during the last twenty-five years despite a world war and a major depression.

Representatives were present from Biggar, Coleville, Dinsmore, North Battleford, Rosetown, Wilkie, Ear Hill, Ealingford, Hopedale and Parkview and St. Andrew's Churches in Saskatoon. The Roll Call was answered by each delegate giving a short history of their Auxiliary and reporting on the workers who had gone into full-time service from their respective congregations.

Reverend Ivan Carroll of North Battleford, told of the newest venture of the Church in Saskatchewan. A van had been sent into isolated districts of the northwest part of the province with Miss Isabel Scott and Miss Flora Whiteford in charge. They had reported that one hundred homes had been contacted, Mistawasis Indian Reserve visited, a Vacation Bible School conducted and much literature distributed.

A history of the Saskatchewan Synodical was given by Miss J. E. Walls, from the time of the landing of the Reverend James Nisbet's party at Prince Albert in 1866 until the present day. Miss M. Grant of Saskatoon, a former president of the Presbyterial and Honorary President of the Synodical gave a history of the Presbyterial.

Miss M. Steenson conducted an ''In Memoriam'' service, honouring workers who had passed away, women who had pioneered in the Women's Missionary Society work. Devotions during the sessions were conducted by the Reverend

John Brent of Coleville and the Reverend Ivan Carroll of North Battleford. The Presbyterial President, Miss J. E. Walls, presided at all sessions.

The annual Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Associate Auxiliary, **Rosetown,** was held on October 4th. The Senior and Young Women's Groups took part in the programme. Mrs. Myers conducted the service. Reverend H. G. Funston spoke from the text: Acts 1: 8. He told of the great need for missionary work at home as well as abroad, closing his talk with an interesting account of the work of the Church in the Fraser Valley, B.C., among the Hungarian settlers there.

MANITOBA

Mrs. J. Gibb, 308 S. Marks St.,
Fort William, Press Secretary

SUPERIOR Presbyterial—A meeting of the Presbyterial was held in First Church, Port Arthur. There was a very good attendance to hear the report of the Council Meeting given by Mrs. G. W. Stirrett. This report was very interesting and enjoyed by everyone present and Mrs. Stirrett said how much she enjoyed being our representative to this Meeting.

The fall Thank-offering of the Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, was held on October 19th. Mrs. W. S. Nairn, the president, was in the chair. The Reverend A. H. Johnston of St. Andrew's welcomed and introduced the guest speaker, Reverend S. D. Trites of First Baptist Church, Port Arthur.

Winnipeg Presbyterial — Winnipeg— Calvin Auxiliary suffered the loss of a most valued member. Mrs. Wm. Ritchie had been an active member since the Auxiliary was organized in the year 1925. Always most interested in the missionary cause she will be missed by all who knew her. We give thanks to God for her life.

The Auxiliary of Old Kildonan Church held their fall Thank-offering at the home of Mrs. J. A. Davidson. The guest speaker, Mrs. G. W. Bradley, Presbyterial President, gave the highlights of the Council Meeting held in Guelph, Ontario. Mrs. J. R. McDonald read the history of the Auxiliary from the year 1891.

The Ellen Douglas Evening Auxiliary of St. John's Church, held its annual Thank-offering meeting on Sunday October 15th at 7 p.m. in the church. The Reverend J. D. Marnoch, newly inducted minister, gave a most interesting talk on our Indian Missions.

Stonewall — Mrs. Cormack Smith, Presbyterial Treasurer, was guest speaker at the meeting of Knox Auxiliary held at the home of Mrs. T. Calder. She gave a full and very interesting report of the recent pre-Assembly Congress held in Montreal. She also gave a brief account of her work as Treasurer, particularly with regard to the setting of the allocations.

The fall Thank-offering meeting of Knox Auxiliary was held on October 5th at the home of Mrs. J. Currie. Mrs. A. H. McKay, Corresponding Secretary of the Presbyterial, was guest speaker and gave a very thoughtful and inspiring address. Her theme was three-fold, "Thanksgiving, Service and Prayer".

HAMILTON AND LONDON

Mrs. J. S. Dobbie, 103-5th St. East,
Owen Sound, Press Secretary

BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial —**Owen Sound**—St. Andrew's Auxiliary held their fall Thank-offering on October 10th at 8 p.m. Mrs. Severt and Mrs. Shier of the Senior and Evening

Auxiliaries conducted the meeting. Mrs. Robertson, Tara, Presbyterial President, was the speaker of the evening. Her talk on "Prayer in our Women's Missionary Work", was most inspiring. A goodly number of members from Tara Auxiliary joined with the members in the evening's worship.

Hamilton Presbyterial — The annual Fall Rally was held in Knox Church, **Hamilton**, on September 21st. Mrs. Duncan Allan gave an interesting commentary on beautiful coloured slides taken by Miss L. K. Pelton and Reverend J. A. Munro, pertaining to our work in India and Formosa. All departments had a part in the service and it proved an inspiring beginning to the fall work.

The 65th anniversary of the Mary Ann Fisher Auxiliary of West Flamboro Church was opened on September 21st at 2.30 p.m. with devotions led by Reverend W. E. Smyth. A brief memorial service was conducted by Mrs. D. Munro. Miss McQuesten gave the history of the Auxiliary. Mrs. H. C. McKellar gave a most inspiring address.

London Presbyterial — For the convenience of the Evening and Young Women's departments the first Presbyterial Executive meeting of the fall was held in New St. James Church, **London**, on September 19th. Mrs. J. R. Waldie presided and plans were made for a Fall Rally to be held in Knollwood Park Church, London, November 1st.

Under the leadership of Mrs. D. M. Meikle, a Mission Band Leader and Primary Teachers' Rally was held in New St. James Church, London, September 22nd. Miss Lily Macarthur and Miss Elizabeth Moodie gave timely advice at this joint meeting.

To have lived a life-time within three miles of one's birthplace is unique, but when that life span extends to 104 years, definitely it is a record, and one of which not only Mrs. Duncan Laird Campbell, who celebrated her 104th birthday September 23rd may well be proud, but also the township of Mosa and especially Burn's Church. She was a regular attendant at its services and served the Women's Missionary Society long and faithfully.

Sarnia Presbyterial — Mrs. T. Owen Hughes addressed the September meeting of the newly formed Evening Auxiliary of **Forest** Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Hughes is also scheduled to address the Thank-offering meetings of Cuthbertson and Pioneer Auxiliaries of **Wyoming** Church.

Mrs. J. Edwards gave a timely talk on "Home" at the regular meeting of **Watford** Auxiliary.

Mrs. Basil Watson gave a résumé of Paterson Memorial Auxiliary, **Sarnia**, over the fifteen years since it was organized November 1st, 1935, by Mrs. Fred Gallie of Forest. She brought to mind missionary addresses from those who had served in the foreign fields.

The good wishes of many friends in the Presbyterial follow Mrs. George Killen to her new field of labour with her husband at Sutton West. Her sincere Bible teaching and messages were a source of true inspiration at Auxiliary meetings.

Stratford Presbyterial — The Gordon Auxiliary of Knox Church, **Stratford**, celebrated its 65th anniversary, the president, Mrs. H. S. Jackson in the chair. Mrs. F. K. Creasy conducted the devotions choosing as her subject "Thankfulness". The history of the Auxiliary was written and read by Mrs. Fred Dunseith. She told of the late Mrs. Gordon, the first president, who had contributed so much to the missionary enterprise in Canada. As guest speaker, Mrs. J. Erskine, president of the Presbyterial, urged those present to follow their motto "Advance". Mrs. Erskine told of the excellent work achieved in the interests of missions and outlined the changes made during the passing years. The Reverend Donald B. MacKay spoke words of appreciation for the efforts of this auxiliary and also welcomed guests from West Monkton and North Easthope.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

MRS. C. W. MCDONALD, 3983 BLOOR ST., R.R. 2, ISLINGTON, PRESS SECRETARY

KINGSTON Presbyterial — The Auxiliary of St. Peter's Church, **Madoc**, was very fortunate to have as their guest speaker at their Thank-offering meeting Mrs. Earl Toombs, formerly of India. Mrs. Toombs based her talk on the verse "Thine eyes shall behold the King in his beauty and see the land that is afar off." She described the customs of India and also showed that if we behold the King we shall pray for His work and will give more generously. Four members of the Junior choir sang a "Thanksgiving Prayer".

Orangeville Presbyterial — Price's Corners—A rally of teen-age girls of the Presbyterial was held in the form of a banquet in Bethel Church, when ninety girls and their leaders attended. Supper was served by the mothers. After a sing-song and some games, Miss June Cumming of Toronto spoke on crafts and displayed several articles. Miss Margaret MacNaughton introduced the new study book and showed methods of presenting it. Mrs. Stewart, Presbyterial Girls' Organizations Secretary, conducted the worship service and Mrs. Gardner, Synodical Girls' Organizations Secretary, spoke on "Happiness". The Hillsburg group won the prize for the largest group present and the Dundalk group for coming the longest distance.

Toronto West Presbyterial—Toronto—The theme for the first Fall Rally of the Presbyterial was "Abide in Me, for without Me ye can do nothing". The meetings were held in Dovercourt Church with the president, Mrs. A. S. Curr, in the chair. In the afternoon Reverend David McCullough gave an inspiring missionary address and members of the Chinese Mission Band, under the leadership of Miss Fay McTavish, sang.

At the evening meeting Miss Frieda Matthews, National Executive Secretary on Council Executive, illustrated her talk with coloured slides which gave a most interesting and instructive picture of the work being done at the Indian Schools and Vancouver Children's Centre. Banners for the largest attendance were presented to Long Branch Church (rural) and Runnymede Church (city).

Eversley Auxiliary conducted the Sunday evening service at which Mr. Wenchi Kim, a Korean from Japan, addressed the meeting. He pleaded for the Christian people of Canada, the United States and Britain, to stand firm for high principles of brotherhood. He stated that many government leaders and persons prominent in educational and social circles in Korea are Christian and a large percentage of the Korean population are of the Christian faith. Mrs. T. L. Williams welcomed the visiting Auxiliaries.

Toronto East Presbyterial—Toronto—The Fall Rally of this Presbyterial was held in Calvin Church with the president, Mrs. A. Hogg, presiding. Mrs. A. E. Toombs, formerly of the Bhil Field, India, gave an outline of their work there. She told of the poverty and superstition of the people and said we must show our love to them to win them for Christ. Medical units were needed to help those on the field and we can help with our gifts and our prayers. Dr. Wasson of Calvin Church brought greetings and said we must be ready to send missionaries to places which at present are closed, but may in the future be open to us. We have the answer to the world's problems.

At the evening session Miss Ruby Walker gave a word picture of her work in the scattered communities of Saskatchewan and Manitoba. People of many nationalities have come from Displaced Persons camps in Europe and they thank God for Canada, finding no fear or hate here. One auxiliary comprised four women of different national groups, many are anxious to get a church in their district and many families were visited for the first time in years, one for twenty-five years had been out of touch with any church.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

Miss Janet L. Riley, Box 141, Billings Bridge, Ottawa, Press Secretary

BROCKVILLE Presbyterial — **Chesterville**—The eastern Sectional meeting of the Presbyterial was held on October 4th, with representatives from Winchester, Dunbar, Winchester Springs, Morewood and Morrisburg present. Reports were heard from all Auxiliaries and Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Suffel and Mrs. G. Blow, Presbyterial Officers, reported for, and gave help in the departments of Literature, Young Women's Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. Greetings were brought by the Moderator of Presbytery, Reverend Eric Larsen. The minister, Reverend Harold Huestin, closed the meeting with prayer.

South Mountain—Members of Kemptville, Winchester and Mountain Auxiliaries were guests of South Mountain Auxiliary at their Thank-offering meeting, when over sixty women were present. Mrs. Charles Robertson, delegate to Council gave a fine report, which stirred the hearts of all present. Mrs. E. Larsen gave the devotional message.

Pittston—Mrs. E. Larsen addressed the Thank-offering meeting of the Auxiliary which was attended by a great number of men of the congregation.

Miss Lily Macarthur spent three days in the Presbyterial bringing help and inspiration in the conduct of the new Mission Band study and Sunday School methods. Conferences for workers and others interested in the teaching programme of the Church were held in Kemptville, Prescott and Morewood.

Glengarry Presbyterial — Cornwall—Mrs. G. S. Lloyd presided at the executive meeting of the Presbyterial which met in St. John's Church. Mrs. R. Miller, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. A. N. Riley, Recording Secretary, assisted with the business portion of the meeting. Reports were given by the Vice-Presidents and the departmental Secretaries. Plans were made for the Annual Meeting.

A Rally held at **Vankleek Hill** was attended by representatives of all but one Auxiliary.

St. Elmo Auxiliary at their September meeting had as their guests members of Maxville Senior and Evening Auxiliaries.

The Auxiliary of Emmanuel Church, **Aultsville**, observed their 50th anniversary with a dinner meeting. During the fifty years only four presidents had held office. A number of guests were present. The Auxiliary was organized in 1900 with ten charter members, at the home of Mrs. I. R. Ault, and she was elected the first President.

Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial—Smiths Falls—A Leadership Conference was held in Westminster Church, with visitors from Elphin, Perth, McDonald's Corners and Carleton Place Auxiliaries present. Mrs. George Robb, president of the Evening Auxiliary presided and devotions were taken by Mrs. L. Brennan and Mrs. D. H. Grant. Mrs. H. Barker, Presbyterial President, introduced the special speaker Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary, whose book *Friends Across Canada,* is being used in children's work.

Miss Macarthur began her talk with a parable for teachers. She had attended the Mid-Century Conference held in Toronto, where emphasis was placed on training for children and young people of all age groups. To teach Christ, we must know Him. Stress was placed on co-operation of the home, with the training of the Church School, and of parents with teachers. She illustrated her talk with maps, friezes, tiny figures and movies which had been made by children of Mission Band groups, the making of which helps to teach the children. She explained the work of Explorer groups for older children and gave many helpful suggestions for teachers and leaders. At the close of her talk a question period was held. A social hour closed the meeting.

Mrs. Alex. Mills of Arnprior was the guest speaker at the Thank-offering meeting of **Renfrew** Auxiliary held on October 10th. Her subject was ''Our Heritage'', the 75th Anniversary of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, the history, tradition and purpose of our Church.

Montreal Presbyterial — The twenty-second Sectional Meeting of the South Shore District of the Presbyterial was held in **Athelstan** Church on September 16th. The morning session was presided over by Miss Emily Kimball, Athelstan, and the afternoon session by Miss Frances Turner of Huntingdon. Devotions were taken by Mrs. J. Williams, Rockburn, and Mrs. R. D. MacLean, Huntingdon.

During the reception of reports special mention was made of the exceptionally large Home Helpers Department in Huntingdon. Miss Millicent Walker is in charge of this department and to her must go the credit for its eighty members. Reverend W. H. Brown of Beauharnois was guest speaker taking his text from Hebrews 8: 5, ''The Pattern of Life''.

Ottawa Presbyterial — The annual Presbyterial Mission Band Rally was held in Knox Church, Ottawa, on October 14th with members from Aylmer, Gloucester, Hull, Manotick, Erskine, St. Giles, St. Stephen's and Westminster Churches, Ottawa, present. Mrs. E. A. Gaw, Presbyterial Children's Secretary, presided. Mrs. George Sparks of St. Stephen's had charge of the devotions.

Miss McKay, a former missionary, told an interesting story ''The Boy Inside''. Lantern slides entitled ''Blooms in China's Garden'', were shown by Miss Jean Phillips. Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta, Presbyterial President, presented the shields won by the various Bands and Mrs. Duminy pinned on the pins. Miss Elizabeth Moodie, Assistant Children's Work Secretary, told the story of our Canadian missionaries with illustrations. Reverend Colin Miller of Knox Church pronounced the Benediction.

Editor's Note—This material from Montreal and Ottawa Synodical was sent for the September number. Due to a mistake in the Editorial Department it was omitted. We are presenting it here with apologies to the Press Secretary and to the members of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical.

The following news items were pulled from the November number in order that we might give you as much of the Council Meeting report as possible. We appreciate your understanding of our need for space. M.E.W.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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BROCKVILLE Presbyterial — **Winchester**—The Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church was hostess to Auxiliary members from Kemptville, Mountain, South Mountain and Morrisburg, at their June meeting. Mrs. G. A. Suffel presided. Mrs. I. McIver introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. J. Younger-Lewis of Vernon.

Glengarry Presbyterial—Gravel Hill—Mrs. G. S. Lloyd, Presbyterial President, was guest speaker at the 64th anniversary of Gravel Hill and Monkland Auxiliary held in St. James Church. History was marked by two dates, one being the dedication of St. James Church, 87 years ago, and the other the organization of the Auxiliary in the same building, 64 years ago. The original building is still in use.

Smiths Falls — Miss Lily Simpson, Reg.N., missionary on furlough from India, addressed a special meeting of the Mary Nichol Auxiliary of Westminster Church, Smiths Falls. Mary Nichol, who left Smiths Falls two years ago to serve in India, had been closely associated with Miss Simpson, before she left for her furlough.

Lochwinnoch—Two charter members of the Mission Band which was organized 60 years ago, Mrs. J. J. Storie and Miss McInnis were present at the Mission Band Rally held on June 3rd, and Mrs. Storie lighted candles on a birthday cake, to mark the occasion. The roll call was answered by 130 members from Bands at Arnprior, Carleton Place, Elphin, Cobden, Lochwinnoch, Smiths Falls, McDonald's Corners and Stewartville.

Montreal Presbyterial — Montreal — ''Spring'' was the theme of the Mission Band Rally held in May, in First Church. Mrs. Drummond Oswald, Children's Department Secretary for Montreal Presbyterial presided. Several Bands took part in the programme, conducting the worship service, presenting a playlet and offering musical selections. Mrs. W. E. Baker, first vice-president of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical Society, presented the banners to the winning Bands: Fairmount-Taylor Church, Tyndale House and Athelstan.

The Evening Department Rally was held in the church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, with Miss Catherine Cumming presiding. Members from MacVicar Memorial, Ephraim Scott, Knox Crescent Kensington and Stanley Church Evening Auxiliaries took part. Miss Lily Simpson was the speaker.

Miss Simpson also addressed the Girls' Rally held in Melville Church, Westmount. This rally was sponsored by the W.M.S. and the Presbyterian Sunday School Teachers' Association. There were sessions for handicrafts, games and a sing-song, refreshments and choral selections from various Sunday Schools. Reverend C. C. Cochrane conducted the service of worship.

Knox Crescent Kensington Auxiliary

held a Life Membership day, when three In Memoriams, one Honorary Membership and five Life Memberships were presented. The guest speaker was Miss Margaret MacNaughton, B.A., who told of conditions on the Island of Ceylon, where she worked for five years with the Y.W.C.A. Mrs. A. W. Pae was among the visitors and graciously brought greetings from Council Executive.

Ottawa Presbyterial—Torbolton — A sectional meeting was held at Torbolton in June, at the home of Mrs. McLaren, with Kinburn Auxiliary, a member from Fitzroy Harbor, and several visitors attending. The Presbyterial President, Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta, gave highlights of the Pre-Assembly Congress.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. W. Barlow, 149 W. 5th St.,
North Vancouver, Press Secretary

WESTMINSTER Presbyterial — Although the camp at Roberts Creek had been opened in 1949 a very large programme for construction of new buildings was undertaken this year and we are deeply gratified to our Heavenly Father that He saw fit to supply all our needs. Our camping season opened with the Boys' Camp followed by an Intermediate Girls' Camp and later by a Junior Girls' Camp. A Young People's Camp concluded our summer programme. Each camp proved very beneficial to all who attended. Happy times were spent in Bible Study, worship, handcrafts, games, sports and in evening campfire. The excellent fellowship and friendliness noted in our first year was again very evident and creates a very happy family atmosphere.

The attendance this year largely exceeded that of last year and the enthusiasm with which each camper returned home not only showed how much they enjoyed the camping at such an attractive spot on the coast of British Columbia but that it had been most profitable to them. Our desire is to contact as many of our children as possible that they may be impressed by the claim of Christ on their lives.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. Jay Watson, Box 1056,
Weyburn, Press Secretary

MOOSE JAW Presbyterial — **Swift Current** — Recently the Young Women's Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church held an evening meeting. Several ladies of the congregation and representatives from the Pambrun Auxiliary were guests. Miss Ruby Walker was the special speaker, telling of the great work of our missionaries in foreign fields and of the many church workers who are missionaries in all parts of Canada.

Weyburn—In speaking to the members of Knox Church Auxiliary, at their opening meeting in September, Dr. Howick, the minister, used verses fourteen to nineteen of the third chapter of Ephesians, as his text, calling them ''A Prayer For Twentieth Century Christians''.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

Mrs. J. S. Dobbie, 103-5th St. East,
Owen Sound, Press Secretary

BRUCE and Owen Sound—**Southampton**—At Southampton in August, a very successful summer Thank-offering meeting was held by the W.M.S. Auxiliaries. Members of the afternoon and evening auxiliaries welcomed members of the Church; of the Tourist Colony; of Tara Auxiliary and of the Evening Auxiliary of Port Elgin. Mrs. Fred Piper, president of the Southampton Auxiliary, presided. The Answered Prayer, was the subject of the address given by Mrs. E. A. Robertson, our new Presbyterial President.

Owen Sound — At the September meeting of the Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Owen Sound, the secretary spoke on the anniversary book of our Church: Our Heritage and Our Faith. She read excerpts from the book.

Huron Presbyterial—Blyth—The annual rally of Huron Presbyterial Society was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Blyth. The theme was ''Witnessing for Christ''. Mrs. G. Bisset, Presbyterial President, enlarged on this thought in her address. An interesting report of the Pre-Assembly Congress was given by Mrs. P. Ferguson. She said: ''The greatest need of the Church to-day is men.'' We must witness in our lives, in our Church and in our community''.

The guest speaker was Mrs. Harry Reid of Council Executive. She told of the outstanding work being done at St. Margaret's Centre Toronto; of the work accomplished in the Indian schools and of the missionary vans in the West. Mrs. Reid closed by urging all our W.M.S. women to witness for Christ.

Exeter—The September meeting of Caven Auxiliary, Exeter, was held at the home of Mrs. Sillery, Mrs. E. Mitchell presided. A most interesting talk on Holland was given by Mrs. Hoonard, after which a social hour gave everyone an opportunity of meeting another of our New Canadian neighbours.

Hamilton Presbyterial—Niagara Falls—Members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary and members of the congregation of Drummond Hill Church, Niagara Falls, mourn the passing of Mrs. Grace Sibbett Rice, on August 19 after a brief illness. All her life she was closely and usefully identified in many phases of congregational activity. In 1921, she was the proud recipient of a Life Membership in the Women's Missionary Society. She served the Drummond Hill Auxiliary in all its offices including the presidency. She is sadly missed by all her friends in Drummond Hill.

Maitland Presbyterial — Wingham — The Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church Wingham held the annual Home Helpers meeting. Mrs. L. Fortune, president extended a cordial welcome to the Home Helpers and to visitors. The guest speaker, Mrs. Baulch, gave a most inspiring address on Christ in the Home. She illustrated the talk with flannelgraph pictures.

Kinlough—The Kinlough Auxiliary held a Home Helpers meeting at the home of Mrs. G. C. Baulch. Mrs. Guthrie Reid, the visiting speaker, gave a most informative address on the work of the Home Helpers. An interesting feature too, was the Bible quizz conducted by one of the members.

Stratford Presbyterial — Monkton — The Auxiliary of Knox Church. Monkton, met at the home of Mrs. Karl Staffen of Mitchell for their September meeting. Mrs. Dalling, President was in the chair and Mrs. J. Erskine, Presbyterial President, gave an interesting talk on the Life of Kagawa.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

MRS. C. W. MCDONALD, 3983 BLOOR ST.,
R.R. 2, ISLINGTON, PRESS SECRETARY

GUELPH Presbyterial—**Paisley Block**—Knox Church Auxiliary celebrated its golden anniversary recently with an attendance of about 175. Greetings were brought from the Presbyterial and from other auxiliaries. The guest speaker, Miss Laura K.

Pelton, chose India as her topic and spoke of the work of the Presbyterian Church among the Bhils and in Jhansi among the Hindus, where she had visited two years ago.

Orangeville Presbyterial—At the fall meeting of the Presbyterial Executive, the treasurer reported receipts were up a little over a year ago. A report of the World Convention on Christian Education stressed the importance of interesting our children at the impressionable age and the need for family worship in the home.

Toronto West Presbyterial—The 35th annual meeting of Section one of the Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Port Credit.** In his address Reverend J. A. Munro, Secretary of Home Missions, called upon the Christian Church to show a spirit of peace and brotherhood to all men regardless of race, creed or political idealogy, and noted how prejudice is being broken down in India and other countries by the Christian missionaries.

Toronto—The members of Victoria Church Auxiliary deeply mourn the loss of their president, Mrs. Angus Sutherland, who passed away recently. Mrs. Sutherland gave freely of her talents and was a loyal and true servant of the Presbyterian Church.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

MISS JANET L. RILEY, BOX 141, BILLINGS BRIDGE, OTTAWA, PRESS SECRETARY

BROCKVILLE Presbyterial — **Morewood — The 60th anniversary of Morewood Auxiliary was celebrated on Friday, August 4th, when they had as their guests members of Crysler, Finch, Chesterville, Dunbar, Winchester Springs, and Winchester Auxiliaries.**

There are two charter members, Mrs. Alec Dillabough now of Ormond, and Mrs. Robert Rainey of Chesterville. Mrs. Rainey was present, and very capably traced the growth of the Auxiliary from its inception on August 3rd, 1890 at the home of Mrs. Thomas MacGregor, till the present day. There have been special observances each ten years, culminating in the 60th this year.

Ottawa Presbyterial—Gloucester Auxiliary held a well attended meeting when they entertained the Home Helpers and the Mission Band. Entertainment was provided outside for the children while the regular meeting was held. Mrs. Shouldice, Presbyterial Home Helpers Secretary, addressed the meeting. The Presbyterial Children's Secretary, Mrs. E. A. Gaw, brought a message to the Mission Band members, and at the close of the meeting a delicious supper was served to all. This "family party" was felt to be very well worthwhile.

Ottawa—Mrs. N. R. D. Sinclair of Markham, Toronto East Presbyterial, was the guest speaker at St. Giles Auxiliary meeting. Her theme was "Hills" and the part they have played in the stories of the Bible. The secretary, Mrs. F. Finlayson, gave a résumé of the address given by Dr. Kagawa while in Ottawa.

Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta, Presbyterial President, addressed the meeting of Knox Auxiliary. Her subject was "It is great to be missionary minded, but a great responsibility."

Quebec Presbyterial—Quebec City—The 36th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church with the President, Mrs. Philip Boy, presiding.

In this scattered area with many moving away, and those of a different faith coming in, there are many discouragements, but the few who remain are loyal and enthusiastic and interest is being maintained in the various departments. Regret was expressed that there are so few children, so there is little children's work being done, which means a lack of leaders for the future.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

October 31st, 1950

RECEIPTS:	
Presbytery of Winnipeg, for the tombstone for the grave of the late Mrs. Ewen Mackenzie	$ 97.71
Ewart Trust Fund, for Miss Ruth Elder	170.00
Glenmohr Girls' Camp, ''Children in Kunming''	7.56
Mrs. J. M. Freeman, Kinistino, Saskatchewan	5.00
A Friend, ''Training of Korean Bible Women''	50.00
Central Committee, Evening Department, Toronto Presbyterial, ''Mobile Medical Unit, India''	7.00
Rent from Missionary	20.00
Income Tax Received	243.60
Life Membership Pins	73.50
Pension Rates received from workers	60.00
Synodical Societies:	
British Columbia	598.00
British Columbia, Supplies	12.00
Alberta	90.00
Saskatchewan	400.00
Manitoba	110.98
Toronto and Kingston	3,700.00
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	58.40
Hamilton and London	5,500.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	21.00
Montreal and Ottawa	3,380.00
Montreal and Ottawa, Supplies	335.00
	$14,939.75

DISBURSEMENTS:	
Indian Schools:	
Birtle	$ 179.16
Birtle, Government Grant	4,073.12
Cecilia Jeffrey	120.83
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	4,717.12
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